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Ministers ready to admit mistakes Ulster Unionist vote on the Scott report tonight will be decisive

By PHILIP WEBSTER POLITICAL EDITOR

MEASURES to restore public

confidence in standards of government will be outlined in protecting ministers than Matrix Churchill trial Mr learning lessons. Lang is likely to promise a by ministers today when they. learning lessons.
While we went on the admit that mistakes were made in the arms-to-Iraq afattack initially — and were right to do so — today there will be a lot more humility," a fair and try to head off an embarrassing Commons deeat on the Scott report

source said yesterday.

Ian Lang, President of the
Board of Trade, is expected to
amounce reviews of export
control legislation and of the With tonight's vote hingeing on the Ulster Unionists, the Government will put forward: a series of proposals to show that it takes Sir Richard Scott's public interest immunity cercriticisms seriously and to answer concerns that it aptificate system under which ministers tried to withhold peared to be more interested sensitive documents from the

consultation paper to consider how to update export controls laid down in 1939, to meet Sir Richard's call for a system suitable for the peacetime needs of a trading nation in the post-Cold War era.

He is also expected to promise a continuing shakeup in the Government's intelligence handling operation.

talks on improving ministers' accountability to Parliament. including clearer guidelines The Government believes

that it will win tonight, even though a handful of Tory MPs are threatening to rebel, but the nine Ulster Unionists were keeping ministers guessing

The Rev Ian Paisley's three Democratic Unionists have promised to abstain, as they have done in all recent critical

votes, and if David Trimble's party does the same, the Government will be home and dry. But Mr Trimble is deeply critical of the Government over Scott and his MPs will meet after the debate has started to decide how to vote. Quentin Davies, the Tory

MP for Stamford and Spalthat underlie the Conservative ding, confirmed yesterday that he would vote against the Government and said there was no question of second

rebel. "I have always made it MP to resign the whip. Others clear that if William Waldebelieved to be considering grave was prepared to take their position are Christopher responsibility for misleading Gill and John Marshall, while Parliament my position would several others have said that change," he said. "But that had the Government's posdoes not appear to be the case. ition not been so weak they. We have to restore confidence too, would have rebelled. in Parliament and the values Mr Major is insisting that he will keep Mr Waldegrave and Sir Nicholas Lyell, the Attorney-General, in his Gov-

Mr Davies could be joined in the revolt tonight by Richard Shepherd, Rupert Aliason ernment even if he loses tonight and has to face a and Peter Thurnam, the latest

Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, said that they would survive: "I think they should. I've read every word of the report about William Waldegrave and it's inconceivable that man would set out to

deceive anybody."

Mr Heseltine said that Sir Richard found there was no foundation for the two central suggestions that ministers had conspired to send innocent men to prison and that the Government was arming Saddam Hussein.

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Double suicide bomb attack on Israel kills 25

FROM ROSS DUNN IN JERUSALEM

ISLAMIC extremist suicide bombers inunched twin at-tacks on Israel yesterday, kill-ing 25 people and wounding 77 in the country's bloodiest day. for twenty years.

The first blast, in Jerusalem.

ripped a packed commuter bus apart, scattering victims and debris across a wide area. The second, 50 minutes later, vastated a bus stop used by soldiers in the sesside town of The double attack was the

most devastating blow to the peace deal struck by Israel-and the Palestine Liberation Organisation in 1993, and Shimon Peres immediately suspended contacts with Yassir Arafat, who condemned the bombings. The Israeli Prime Minister also sealed off the West Bank and Gaza Strip and threatened retaliation against Hamas, the extremist Islamic movement

Hamas said that its two "heroes" had carried out the attacks to avenge the killing last month of its master bomber Yahya Ayyash, known as the Engineer, and the massa-cre of 29 Muslim worshippers

by a Jewish extremist at Hebron two years ago.

The rush-hour explosion in Jerusalem killed 23 and injured 49, at least 14 of them critically, leaving the bus a charred skeleton. Another bus

and even cars were damaged.

Dazed bystanders wept and chanted psalms as police investigators looking for clues worked alongside ultra-Orthohuman remains for burial A makeshift memorial of can-dles and a twisted piece of metal from the bus was set up on the pavement and last night hundreds of people gathered there for a protest vigil.

Arye Amit, the Jerusalem police chief, estimated that the bomb contained 22b of embo-sives and had been packed with ball bearings and nails to The second explosion killed

two people and injured many soldiers. An onlooker said: "I saw a ball of fire and a large explosion. The road was covered in blood."

Mr Peres rushed to Jaffa Road, scene of the Jerusalem blast, but he was greeted by angry Israelis shouting "Peres

go home" and "Death to the Arabs". When he was gone, others yelled: "With blood and fire we will throw out Peres". and police later exchanged blows with demonstrators. Mr Peres, who has called elections for May 29, has leared such an attack which

might swing security-convoters towards the Likud party, which opposes dismissed questions about possible damage to his elec-tion chances. That's the last question you should have asked," he said. Although he was freezing negotiations with Mr Arafat

until after the funerals, Mr Peres said that he was determined to continue Middle East peace talks and said: "I know deep in my heart that on the way to peace, we shall have to pay a heavy toll for it." Mr Arafat said in Gaza City: This is not a military operation. This is a terrorist operation. It is not only against civilians. It is against the whole peace process."

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Changing the guard: Camouflage fatigues replaced uniforms at Buckingham Palace yesterday as security was tightened after the IRA bombings in London

Labour to back anti-terror Act in policy shift

LABOUR is to drop its 15-year opposition to the Prevention of Terrorism Act in a move to kill any suggestion that it would be softer on the IRA than the Government

The change, announced by Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, after consultations with Tony Blair and Marjorie Mowlam, the Shadow Northern Ireland Secretary, seems certain to provoke sition on the Left.

Mr Blair and Mr Straw have decided that the renewal of the IRA campaign after the 17-month ceasefire, and the imminence of a general elec-tion, mean that they have to send a message that there would be no succour for the IRA in the election of a Labour

It is also clearly designed to remove an important weapon from the Government. Ministers have used Labour's opposition to the Act to claim that it is soft on terrorism. There have been signs that Sinn Fein believes it would receive better treatment from Labour.

Mr Straw's announcement came as 100,000 people in Northern Ireland and the republic demonstrated their determination to maintain the peace process when Protestants and Roman Catholics stood together at peace rallies.

The ending of the ceasefire has put us in a new situation. We have to look at this afresh," a senior Labour source said yesterday. Labour MPs will be asked to abstain on the Act rather than vote

against it, as in the past. Mr Blair, a former Shadow Home Secretary, is understood to have had reservations about the policy of opposing the Act for some time. Both he and John Smith, the former Labour leader, repeatedly pressed the Govern review of the Act's workings on the ground that it was flawed. Had they been granted a review they would have changed their stance.

The Act gives police power to detain and exclude suspected IRA criminals. Labour leaders have always said that it has been inefffective and

counterproductive.
Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, said last night: "I very much hope the Shadow Cabinet will support Jack Straw's recommendation to renew the Prevention of Terrorism Act. It will be an admission that Labour now recognises how wrong they have been for the last 13

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United close gap Manchester United crushed

The Times on the Internethttp://www.the-times.co.uk





Atherton caught out by 'buffoon' jibe at cricket inquest

BY SIMON WILDE

IT IS safe to assume that

Michael Atherton had not

heard of the Pakistan Federal Union of Journalists before yesterday. But after one of its number asked him a series of long-winded questions — fol-lowing England's cricket World Cup defeat in Rawalpindi - the England captain may soon be apologising to it. Atherton, no doubt irritable after another personal failure and another heavy defeat by

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journalist's first question and thought his second tiresomely similar. "I think I've already answered that," he said.

Another question. "Some-body remove this buffoon," Atherton muttered. Few. people in the room heard the remark but it was audible on tape-recordings. A spokesman for the journalists' union later demanded Atherton apologise for his "contemptuous manner" and "highly deplorable" remarks.

Atherton is not an enthusiastic supporter of these question and answer sessions, but only last week stressed to his players the importance of creating a good impression in a country where England cricketers have often done the

England have not toured Pakistan since 1987 because of the row Mike Gatting, then England captain, shared with Shakoor Rana, a local umpire, during the Faisalabad Test.

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Shakoor rejected several Eng-land appeals for a wicket and accused Gatting of attempted sharp practice by illegally moving a fielder. Their confrontation held up the match and it continued - after the loss of a day - only when

Gatting tendered an apology. On the tour before that, in 1984, Ian Botham returned home early through illness and declared that he would not send his mother-in-law to such a place. Botham too That incident began when apologised Indeed rarely has a series between the countries passed without some misunderstanding or other, often over allegations of unfair play or unfair umpiring.

Even a moment of carelessness at an informal social function can be inflammatory. although the former England fast bowler who asked a foreigner to "pass the salt, Gunga Din" ought to have known he was asking for

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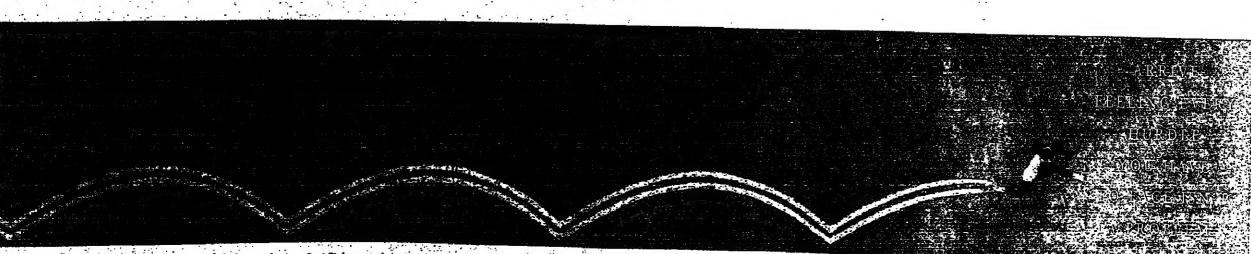


"Amazing, he's played

US demands UN meeting on Cuba

The United States last night called for an emergency meeting of the United Nations Security Council to protest at Cuba's "blatant violation" in shooting down two unarmed US Cessnas. Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, said Washington was satisfied the planes were over international waters. Four pilots are missing presumed killed. President Clinton is considering retaliation, including sanctions Page !!

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Fears that IRA will strike without warning undermine hopes of renewed ceasefire

Hit-list of RAF stations found at bomber's home

By Stewart Tendler and Mike Evans

A HIT-LIST of top RAF stations was found in the south
London hideout of the
Aldwych bus bomber, police
sources revealed yesterday, as
Scotland Yard said that the
IRA could strike at any time
without warning.
Ed O'Brien's bedsit in Lewi-

sham also included enough semtex explosive to make up to ten bombs similar to the device which exploded on the bus. The target list, handwritten on a single sheer of paper, included other military installations. Police also found an extensive collection of timers, fuses and detonators hidden in the room or buried in the garden.

The RAF bases may have been chosen because the IRA

considers them a weak point where security would be easier to breach. The RAF has had few connections with Northern Ireland, apart from providing guards for Aldergrove airport in Belfast. The extent of the equipment suggests the IRA has made plans for a ruthless and sustained campaign. One officer said: "The

thing in a big way."

Both MI5 and the police fear that the IRA is prepared to launch bomb attacks without warning, although not necessarily against civilian targets. One security source said: "If the IRA employs logic they might view it as counterproductive to attack civilian

areas without warning. Certainly they wouldn't want to risk killing American tourists because of the impact that would have on public opinion in the United States."

During the 17-month cease-

of the equipment suggests the IRA has made plans for a ruthless and sustained campaign. One officer said: "The feeling is the IRA is here to do something and to do something in a big way."

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Two American civilians were injured in the Docklands bombing two weeks ago although they were not badly hurt. MIS believes the IRA hardliners who forced the



was found at his bedsit

ending of the ceaseline have resolved to hit Establishment targets, including military bases, as a priority, following the "initial, spectacular" bombing at South Quay. Over

the weekend Commander John Grieve, head of the Anti-Terrorist Branch, said that another IRA attack could be imminent.

As the police warnings were issued, hundreds of extra officers moved into the centre of London to protect vulnerable buildings and streets. Assessments suggest the West End and centres of government and commerce will be the principal targets for a vicious campaign.

The security forces are understood to be preparing for a campaign lasting at least a year. The bleakest analysis suggests there will be no political movement until the IRA sees a new political lamiscape emerging in London, Dubling and Washington after placetics.

months the IRA has moved fresh active service units into place for a campaign with new rules. The list of possible targets includes the Royal Family, senior politicians, the City, areas such as Docklands and landmarks of London. One police source said these would include "any landmark you can recognise as London-

from a postcard.

Active service units could strike beyond London but the capital will remain the focus for attack. Terrorist intelligence officers believe the IRA would be happy to attack the Royal Family and the only restraint is the fear of loyalist reprisals.

VIPs could face attacks from car bombs like the device which killed Ian Gow, the Conservative MP and confidant of Margaret Thatcher, in 1990. The IRA may also have infiltrated gummen on to the mainland to carry out assassinations at close quarters, like the shooting of the Governor of Gibraltar at his home in Lichfield, also in 1990.

Large bomb attacks without warning would be a new departure for the IRA and there was concern last week, that there was no amnouncement of the bus bomb. In fact the IRA swiftly confirmed it was an accident. Assaurations using bombs have been carried out without warning but coded meisages have always been given about other devices. They are often

inaccurate.

Police are still trying to piece together the background of O'Brien, 21, and are surprised

that he kept so much material at his home. IRA gangs usually keep their caches away from their homes. Detectives think O'Brien was either naive or highly confident. He had no criminal record and had never been linked to terrorism.

"He seems to have been the complete sleeper in the classic John Le Carré mode," one officer said. Other members of the active service unit either lived near by or kept in contact.

☐ Sinn Fein's fundraising organisation in the United States is to sue the Financial Times for libel over an editorial. The Friends of Sinn Feinciain that the FT conspired with the British Government falsely to accuse the Friends of Sinn Fein of funding the IRA's bombing campaign.

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Sinn Fein seeks 'copper-fastened' guarantee of talks

By Nicholas Watt, ireland correspondent

SINN FEIN will today use its first meeting with the Government since the collapse of the IRA ceasefire to warn ministers that they can save the peace process only by setting a firm date for all-party talks.

Martin McGuinness, who

Martin McGuinness, who will meet senior officials from the Northern Ireland Office at Stormont, insisted yesterday that Britain must give "copper-fastened" assurances that it would convene round-table talks.

As Unionists condemned the Government for agreeing to meet Sinn Fein, Mr McGuinness said he would use the meeting to examine ways of rebuilding the peace

process.

The leading Sinn Fein member said: "Any new process must contain copperfastened and unambiguous public assurances that all-party talks will be initiated by both governments at the earliest possible date. Negotians need to proceed with urgency and within an agreed time frame."

The Government, which cut off ministerial contact with Sinn Fein after the Docklands bomb, insisted that it would maintain contact with the party at official level. Minis-

ters said it would be foolish to close doors on Sinn Fein if there was a way of salvaging the peace process.

Unionists, however, said the meeting showed that the IRA was using bombs as a negotiating tactic. Ken Magianis, the Ulster Unionist defence spokesman, said: The Government says it want to keep channels of communication open. But in reality they are talking with terrorists. The IRA is saying 'Do things our way or we will

The MP for Fermanagh and South Tyrone was particularly angered that Mr McGninness, who was once convicted of IRA membership, will be joined at the talks by Gerry Kelly, a convicted IRA bomber. Mr Kelly, 41, is regarded as one of the key

republican strategists.

Sinn Fein's insistence that the Government must set a date for all-party talks has proved a sticking point in negotiations between British and Irish officials, who are trying to agree a communique for an Anglo-Irish summit this week. Dublin hopes that the IRA will restore its ceasefire and that Sinn Fein

will agree to participate in



Martin McGuinness in Londonderry yesterday

elections in Northern Ireland if Britain agrees to a "specific date" for such talks. Britain says that while it is keen to see all-party talks it must create conditions to give Unionists the confidence to join such a

Despite the Anglo-Irish differences, there were signs of progress yesterday when John Hume, leader of the SDLP, agreed for the first time to take part in elections for a seat to all-party talks. However, the MP for Foyle said the elections would have to be on a "party list" basis in which voters would register their support for a political party rather than for individ-

ual candidates.

It is understood that Mr Hume threw his weight behind the "party list" election proposal in talks last week with the Rev Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionists. The election, in which Northern Ireland would be treated as one constituency, would benefit both parties to the detriment of the Ulster Unionists.

of the Ulster Unionists.

David Trimble, leader of the Ulster Unionists who is adamantly opposed to the party list system, insisted yesterday that elections should be held to a 90-member body.

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Thousands join protests for peace

By NICHOLAS WATT

IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

MORE than 100,000 people in Northern Ireland and the Republic, Protestants and Roman Catholics, stood together at peace railies yesterday to demonstrate their determination to maintain the

peace process.

A crowd of 20,000 gathered outside
Belfast City Hall to demand an end to
IRA violence. Forty thousand people
marched in Dublin and 25,000 turned
out in Cork. Thousands of others
wearing white ribbons for peace turned
out at rallies in towns and villages across

the Province and the Republic.

Parents with children joined pensioners in Belfast to observe ten minutes' silence at the spot where President Clinton switched on the Christmas lights nearly three months ago. As church bells rang out at 3pm, hundreds of people held

up white paper doves. The silence was broken after about five minutes when a section of the crowd began to chant "Ceasefire now, give us back our peace", and the rest of the crowd joined in.

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and the rest of the crowd joined in.

The only sour note came when Sinn Fein supporters, holding banners calling for negotiations, refused to observe the silence. Party supporters smirked at the crowd when they began to sing the John Lennon song Give Peace a Chance.

Rosina Watson, who came to the rally with friends from the nationalist Andersonstown area of Belfast, said she had been moved to tears. "This is the people saying we don't want another 25 years of violence."

Sileen Bell, of Women Together for Peace, co-organisers of the Belfast rally, said: "It was the most significant rally we have held since the collapse of the ceasefire. We did not have speeches begause we wanted a people's rally. And

the people certainly took it over." The
rallies south of the border were organised by Stop '96, a new group that is
calling on the IRA to restore its crasefire.
President Robinson lit a candle for peace
before joining a rally in Co Kerry.

John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister, ted the calls for peace in the Republic Speaking at a rally in his constituency of Dunboyne, Co Meath, he said: "The army council of the IRA has no right to act on our behalf. The people of Ireland are saying to them: stop, stop, stop."

act on our behalf. The people of Ireland are saying to them: 'stop, stop, stop.'."

The parents of Ed O'Brien, who blew himself up in the London bus blast, joined more than 2,000 people at an ecumenical service and 30 minute vigil in the grounds of a church in their home town of Gorey, Co Wexford In London, MPs from the main parties joined a

crowd of about at a peace vigil.

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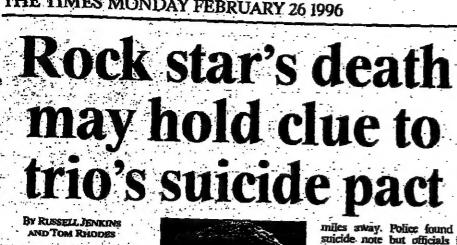
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THE three young Britons who wore black in an apparent homage to their dead hero, fan Curtis, singer with the pop-band Joy Division.

Curtis, a depressive, hanged himself 16 years ago when he was 23, ensuring that a macabre cult grew up around the Manchester post-punk rock group, which later changed its name to New Order. His records were among possessions abandoned last summer by Ruth Fleming, Stephen Bateman, both 22, and Jane Greenhow, 23, in their student digs in Leicester.

Students said the trio appeared to live in a "hate-filled and arrogant" world of their own. They were unapproachable, self-obsessed and prone to casual violence.

Carol Broughton, 23, who moved into their flat, said they walked around like they were on a mission". She discovered they were interested in environmental issues and left behind videos of current affairs

She said they all wore dark clothing, which she believed was connected with music they liked, including Joy Divi-sion. "When I beard they had died I was shocked but I wasn't really surprised. It was the sort of thing I could



Curtis: singer hanged himself 16 years ago

imagine them saying on the spur of the moment. Let's shoot each other"."

Miss Broughton said: They were just strange. I got the impression it was part of an act but they seemed to look down on everyone. You felt you weren't good enough to eak to them. The few times I tried to speak to Jane I just got

They had a lot of hatred in them. That was obvious because they hated everyone and everything. They wouldn't make eye contact and if you walked into a room, they

would walk straight out." Mr Bateman and Miss Fleming shot themselves at a firing range in Mesa, Arizona, and 24 hours later Miss Greenhow's body was found at a campsite in Shasta Coun-

Mesa have refused to disclose its contents. Investigators are looking into possible links with an extreme rightwing

All three had lived together in Andover, Hampshire, before travelling to America. They were nicknamed "the Addams family" by neighbours because of their behaviour. Mr Bateman often dressed in a black militarytype uniform and the women sported multi-coloured hairtyles and bizarre make-up.

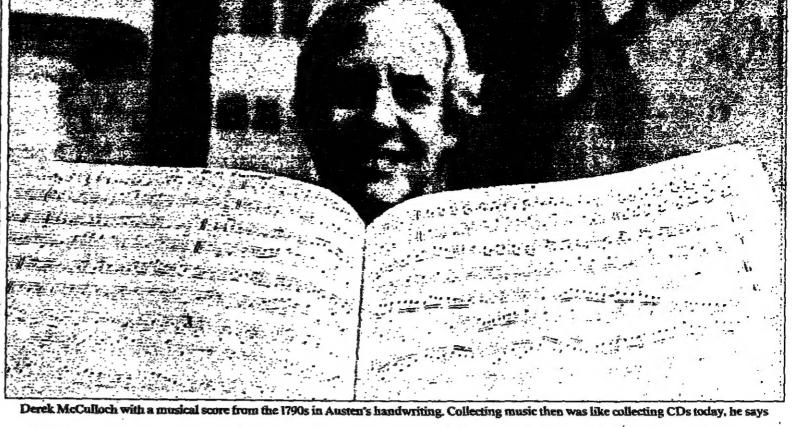
Detective Ron Shoch, of the Mesa homicide department. said although there was no concrete proof, he was aware of reports that the trio had some connection with an extreme rightwing organisation. found in a Salvation Army hotel in central London where

the three had stayed. A check-

list was discovered along with pages from gun magazines and extreme rightwing literature. The checklist said-"Check the guns, get rid of the car, clean the house, dye hair."
Miss Greenhow's mother, Blanche, 51, said she had arrived home in Harrogate to discover a message from her

daughter on her answering cinema audiences today.

Dr Derek McCulloch, who is preparmachine. When she returned the call staff at the hotel said her daughter had checked out. Hours later she was found



Jane Austen, the original Britpop fan

By David Charter, education correspondent

A TREASURE trove of musical scores by Jane Austen's favourite composers and songwriters, many painstakingly written in her own hand, has been found at the author's family home in Alton, Hampshire. Academics from Surrey University analysing the eight volumes say they throw new light on the tastes and lifestyle of the author whose Sense and Sensi-bility, published in 1811, is drawing vast

ing a catalogue of the work with coauthor Ian Gammie, said: "She was definitely a fan of popular music. We

found huge amounts of music from theatre shows of the 18th century and songs like I'm Jolly Dick the Lamplighter and The Tippling Philosophers." Austen's favourité songwriters emerge as Charles Dibdin, responsible for Jolly Dick, and James Hook, probably best

known for Goosey Goosey Gander.
Other ditties by Dibdin in Austen's
Top Ten include When Cupid First His
Trade Began. Hook also contributed Ma Chère Amie. Dibdin (1745-1814) came from Southampton and was the most influential songwriter of his generation. Hook (1746-1827), from Norwich, wrote

more than 2,000 songs. There are many pieces from France and Italy, some of which were published only in Dublin and are likely to have been sent to Austen by her admirer Thomas Lefroy. He became Lord Chief Justice of Ireland after the break-up of their romance, which may have foundered because of

family opposition.

Dr McCulioch added: "The acquisition of music then was like the acquisition of CDs now. Jane Austen wrote the manuscripts with an immaculate hand. She obviously knew her music to copy it out



Broadmoor blackout on Ripper attack

By A STAFF REPORTER

AN attempt to kill Peter Sutcliffe, the Yorkshire Ripper, in his room at Broadmoor has not been reported to the police by hospital authorities. t emerged lags-night.

The move is part of an top-security hospital after Frinight's attack, in which fellow inmate, a convicted thief, allegedly almost garrot-ted Sutcliffe with the flex from a pair of stereo headphones after knocking on the door of his private room in Henley ward. Sutcliffe, convicted of the murders of 13 women. screamed for help and was saved by two other murderers, Kenneth Erskine, the Stockwell Strangler, and Jamie Devilt, who raised the

alarm and ran to help him.
The alleged attacker had been diagnosed as being mentally ill but told staff he resented being locked up with sex offenders. It has emerged that Broadmoor did not call in the police and all staff have been fold not to talk about the incident. Alan Francy, minon's general manager, said: "I cannot and will not comment on any incident. hich involves one of my

patients. A spokesman ky Thames Valley Police at Bracknell said; We are surprised we were not asked to investigate but Broadmoor appears to be a law unto itself." A member of the hospital staff said: "It is shocking that an attempted murder can happen in a hospital and the police are not



BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

A CAMPAIGN is being waged by Peter Hobday's friends to prevent him from being squeezed out as a presenter on Radio 4's Today.

Sources within the BBC say the avuncular style and Home

Counties accent of the seteran broadcaster do not please who wants a younger audience and more women listeners. Mr. Mosey apparently also wants more regional voices on the news and corrent

affairs programme.

Amid reports of friction between the two men — as well as an appeal by Jocelyn Hay, chairman of the Radio 4 pressure group Voice of the Listener, for Mr Hobday's retention - there were official denials that he was being squeezed out. But sources close to the programme insist-ed that Mr Hobday, a presenter since 1984, is a victim of ageism and of his gentlemanly

middle-class image.
Hobday, 99, who is by chance fronting this morning's edition, said last night." am not supposed to discuss the internal affairs of the BBC. But as a matter of fact I can't deny that when I am asked the direct question, Have you been offered a new contract, the answer is No. Also when I am asked, Have you been. working fewer days with the

programme? the answer is and of March and it is getting late in the day to be offered another one. There is talk BBC with two weekend shows about some other kind of on Radio 2



arrangement. But I don't know what that might be or how it would work out."

Mr Mosey denied that Mr Hobday was being squeezed out but said that the successful trio of presenters, John Humphrys, Sue MacGregor and James Naughtie, left few

bly, with John Humphrys and more slots each, there are main presenters. It's not an Hobday in various roles in the year ahead."



he is working less

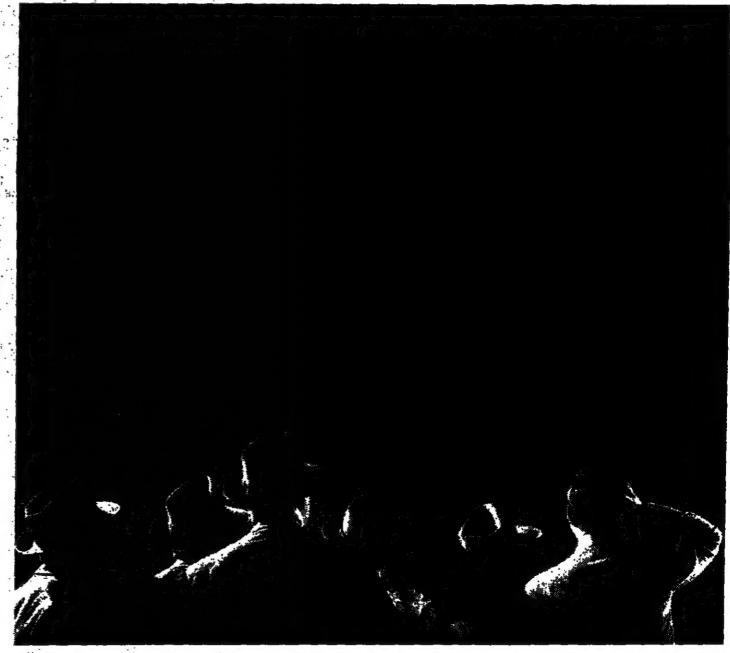
opportunities for others. He told The Times: "Inevita-

Sue MacGregor doing a few going to be fewer available for those who aren't the three ageism thing or a rich Brummie accent thing either. We do want to use Peter

Friends of the broadcaster point out, however, that Mr Hobday has already had the fronts more than halved in the past two years.

D Steve Wright, 41, the former Radio I DJ, is to return to the

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Discredited Vinland map may be genuine after all

By NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR ...

THE Vinland map, long dismissed as a elever torgery designed to prove Columbus was not the first European in North America, may be genuine after all

Hailed in 1965 as the most exciting cartographic discovery of the century, the map was discredited ten years later by scientific studies that showed the ink contained a pigment with titanium in it not available before the 20th century. It could not, therefore, date from 1440 as its supporters claimed.

In the 1980s, physicists in California passed a proton beam through the map, generating X-rays which showed only hiny quantities of titurium. Or Thomas Cabill of the University of California at Davis, the the claim that the map must land map that in any way map had later been drawn. physicist responsible, said



Part of the map, from Europe to America

be a forgery should be re-

Earlier this month at a symposium at Yale Dr Canill added further evidence. Analysis of known volumes of the same period, including a Gutenberg Bible had shown titanium occurring naturally at great-

er levels than in the map. Dr Cahill said: "There is nothing about the chemistry or morphology of the Vin-

makes it stand out from any of the parchments from that period we have analysed." Now Yale University. which owns the map and keeps it locked in a vault, is to republish an expanded edition of the book which

created the 1965 sensation. The Vinland Map and the

Tartar Relation. In a new introduction. George Painter, a scholar retired from his post as assistant keeper of printed books at the British Museum, says that rejection of the Vinland map has been a

miscarriage of justice.

The key point was that the map contained an island. map contained an island, labelled Vinland Insula, with a coastline similar to that of Newfoundland. Since it antedated Columbus by 50 years, it was strong evidence that Norse explorers had visited the region and provided the information from which the Gentlemanly London haunt of Byron and Greene may soon house only the very rich

Men of letters fear rent rise will spoil Piccadilly haven

By Rachel Kelly, property correspondent

THE historic character of Atbany, the exclusive Piccadilly block of flats that has men of letters, is threatened by 40 per cent rent rises that could force some of its illustrious residents to move.

Traditionally at least a third of residents, who include the Tory MP Sir Peter Tapsell, Anthony Smith, President of Magdalen College, and Christopher Gibbs, an antique dealer, have enjoyed low rents on

A one-bedroom pied-a-terre typically costs from about £10.000 a year to rent from Peterhouse, Cambridge, the landlord. Half the flats are privately owned or let. In November last year, Peterhouse appealed in the High Court against rent levels set by the Government's assessment officers which it thought were too low. Last month it won its case and now some residents are facing rent rises of 15 to 40

Mr Gibbs, a long-time resident, says: "Of course we quite understand the problem of trustees having to get the best rent. But it would better if they could increase rents only after a tenant dies, rather than rises

rises could ultimately change the historic character of the Albany "sets", as the flats are known, where Sir Isaiah and Lady Berlin. Lord Quinton, Alan Clark, the former Tory minister, and the interior de igner David Hicks own their

Designed by Sir William Chambers in 1770, Albany is the oldest, if not the grandest,



magnificent Georgian façade and is divided into a total of 69 sets. These were originally let as "chambers for bachelors and widowers" and no woman was admitted unless she was a close relative.

Albany has always been associated with men of letters. and past tenants include By-Muggeridge, Graham Greene

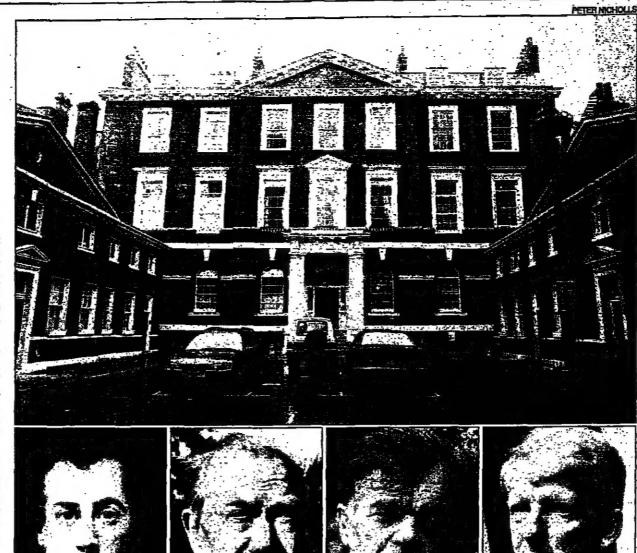
and, in the realms of fiction, Raffles the jewel thief.

In future, it is likely that only investment bankers and rich foreigners may be able to afford the rents of E1,000 a week for a top furnished set let on the open market. Savills the estate agents recently let two flats to a solicitor and a

"It will ultimately change, and almost certainly not for the better," Mr Gibbs said. Another Albanian, who preferred to remain anoymous, said: "It will be a shame if banker yuppies replace the traditional actors and writers who have made Albany so

Jean Love, from Knight Frank, agents for Peterhouse, said: "These new rents were set by the Government's rent assessment committee. They are still only about a third of open market rents. Peterhouse is very conscious of the fact that it is a charity and would always consider most carefully any long-standing resident in difficulty."

To safeguard its special sedate and scholarly atmosphere, the trustees rule that occupants are not allowed to whistle, make any noise after



The Georgian façade of Albany House, which was once used as a convenient London base by such as Lord Byron and Graham Greene. Residents today include Alan Clark, third from left, and Christopher Gibbs, right

against pollution damage ONE of the cities with the worst air quality in Britain is

Council to

join fight

up to save its historic build-

Cambridge has little heavy industry but its narrow, congested streets add to the effects of pollution. A European Union survey 18 months ago found it had the worst air quality of any British city after Manchester and Glasgow.

This week the city's environmental health officials will meet the Department of the Environment to launch the air quality review, with a report.

expected in August. Roger Coey, Cambridge City Council's head of environmental health and pollution, said that local air quality had since the survey in 1994. More power stations throughout Britain had switched to gas and more cars were fitted with catalytic converters. "I would expect to see a continuing slow improvement up to about the year. 2005, when the sheer volume of traffic will outweigh the benefits of catalysers," he

"At the end of our air quality review we expect to have a plan of action. That could mean banning traffic, or promoting a park and ride scheme, or bus lanes, or any of several other measures. It is essential that the public become involved; they must tell

us what they want."

Last week Professor Patrick Bateson, Provost of King's College, disclosed that the college chapel, one of En-gland's foremost tourist attractions, is being eaten away by pollution.

Henry VI's giorious fanvaulted creation attracts almost as many visitors as Windsor Castle, but Profeesor Bateson disclosed that stonework repairs carried out only 20 years ago were already starting to dissolve. Other parts of the college are also

suffering. Launching a £10 million appeal last week, the college authorities said that at least 52 million was urgently needed for stonework repairs. The sheer acidity of the rain in Cambridge has been shown to be very high indeed," Professor Bateson said. "Some areas are particularly bad, and you can see where the faces are wearing off the angels."

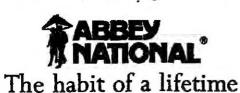
English Heritage said yes terday that all limestone buildings in Cambridge suffered equally, but the decay was most noticeable in the fine detail of King's. The simpler classical lines of other colleges did not show the damage so



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Flying Scotsman By Jonathan Prynn, transport correspondent

who made his money from

The deal, to be completed this week, will ease fears among railway enthusiasts that the 73-year-old engine may-never be seen again in public. It had been stripped down in preparation for a two-year £250,000 overhaul and has cracks in its boiler. Its present owners, Pete Waterman, the pop impresa-rio, and Sir William Me-Alpine, ran into financial difficulties last year when the steam charter market collapsed. At one stage the Flying Scotsman — credited as the first train officially to exceed the 100mph barrier was used as collatoral to secure a loan from the National Westminster Bank. The



Dr Marchington, who was

not available for comment, is

a lifelong steam enthusiast who bought his first steam-roller at the age of 22 and who

later set up a company restor-

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Women at risk of cancer agonise Over mastectomy

developing breast cancer decided to have their healthy breasts removed before there was any sign of the disease.

Watson, 41, and Vanessa Smith, 44, are members of an extended family that carries the breast cancer gene BrCal. They faced the distressing decision after learning that ten of their female relatives over four generations had died of breast cancer.

A third member of the

family, in her early 20s, who decided to put off a masteciomy until later, said she needed to plan having children and "finding a husband, perhaps". About 1,300 breast cancer cases a year, 5 per cent of the total, are inherited. Those carrying the BrCal gene have an 85 per cent chance of

developing breast cancer. Mrs Watson, from Bake-Derbyshire, whose mother and grandmother died of breast cancer, became one of the first women in Britain to opt for a precautionary double

Four members of a family that carries the breast cancer gene BrCal have described their dilemma. Jeremy Laurance reports

mastectomy in 1993 after trac-ing her family history and discovering many other relatives had been affected by the disease. "If got so eventually I was constamly worrying about it. It kept naging me night and day. Then one night I thought if I had a mastectomy before I got a problem that would solve it.

"Once I thought that, no one could have shaken me because my overriding worry was of dying of cancer. I went into hospital had the operation, woke up and thought. Thank goodness for that, it's done. that's the gamble off. I felt absolutely line.

Mrs Waison, who has two children, had her mastectomy before a blood test for the gene became available in September 1994. She describes how

she made her choice in a Channel 4 film The Decision, to be shown at 9pm tomorrow. Mrs Smith, her cousin, resisted the idea of a mastecomy but changed her mind when she learnt that she carried the gene. She decided on a cosmetic mastectomy, leaving enough tissue to allow her breasts to be reconstructed with an implant.

There isn't a cure and there might never be one. I couldn't live with the waiting the thought of being worried for the next 30 years. I'm not particularly well-endowed 1 might end up with a better pair," Mrs Smith, from Hud-dersfield, West Yorkshire,

Helen Cauldwell is the youngest family member to have had the gene test, which



confirmed she is also a carrier. Before taking it she said: "Even though I am only 21 now and breast cancer in our family kicks in at about 30, it would be nice to know so I can plan children and getting married. If I do have to have a mastectomy it is going to

and finding a husband, per-haps. I would rather be alive carry the gene, she broke down in tears. Later she said with no boobs than in a coffin she felt guilty that she was free of the lethal gene that had with boobs." A fourth member of the

family. Diane Lucking, 36, who is married with two About 15 women in the children, was resigned to hav-United Kingdom are thought ing a mastectomy. But when to have had preventive mas-

expected to increase. Mrs Watson said: "The main message ! want to get across is that body image doesn't matter. A lot of people were horrified when they heard I was having the operation so I had to make it

easier for them. I have turned it into a feature of myself." Mrs Watson, who runs a

shop and whose husband is a policeman, said she felt privileged to have had the test. "It could have been so many things you can't do anything about. But there is something you can do about breast cancer. I feel I have escaped."

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Red Arrows | Lisa Leeson must miss British air shows

By HARVEY ELLIOTT AIR CORRESPONDENT

THE Red Arrows have been ordered to take part in an Indonesian air show at the height of the coming summer season, forcing them to miss some of Britain's most popu-

lar air displays.

Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, has ruled that the RAFs aerobatic team should fly out in June on a three-week round trip to Jakarta, preventing them appear-

ing at 17 planned air displays.

The Red Arrows, who lost their home base of Scampton. Lincolnshire, in defence cuts and are being temporarily housed at RAF Cranwell, are now privately sponsored by a number of British companies. anxious to sell arms and equipment around the world.-

Dr David Clark, the Shadow Defence Secretary, said: The taxpayer, who funds the RAF in general, should be able to see the skill of the superb pilots of the Red Arrows. It is a matter of deep regret that they are being used in this fashion and is another example of how, when sponsorship is introduced, he who pays the piper calls the tune."

seeks cheap flights in airline job

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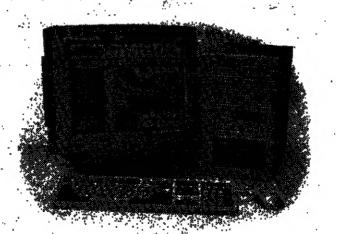
LISA LEESON will this week be interviewed for a job as a Virgin Atlantic air hostess, which she hopes will provide her with cheap flights to visit her husband Nick, who is serving a 62 year jail term in Singapore for his role in the

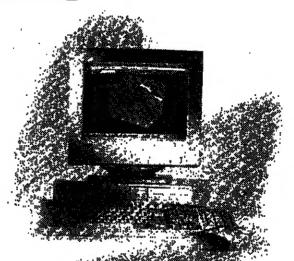
collapse of Barings bank. Mrs Leeson is one of more than 1.000 hopefuls who will be interviewed on Wednesday for 400 cabin crew jobs in the rapidly expanding Virgin air-line fleet. If successful, she will start on a basic salary of £8,500 plus expenses and over-seas allowances.

Of far more interest to Mrs Lesson, ZI, is the perk of paying only 10 per cent of the normal fare on Virgin Atlantic's service to Kuala Lumpur An economy return to the Malaysian capital costs £623: if successful in her application, Mrs Leeson would have to pay only E62. After a year with Virgin, staff are entitled to 10 per cent trips with other

Mrs Leeson currently works as an assistant in a tea shop in Maidstone, Kent

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MEDICAL BRIEFING How soap star's vision dimmed

LOVERS of Coronation Street were dismayed to hear yesterday that Amanda Barrie has lost most of the sight in her left eye. Miss Barrie plays Alma, the cafe owner in the series.

The radio report of her sudden loss of vision did not equate with the usual diagnostic picture of somebody suffering from a cen-tral retinal vein occlusion. Characteristically it produces a gradual loss of sight, whereas it seemed this affliction was sudden.

Miss Barrie's account in a Sunday paper was more detailed and made better medical sense. Miss Barrie became aware of trouble last May when she began to notice deterioration in the vision of her left eye. Her ight is unaffected.

Initially the loss seemed worrying and tiresome but not incapacitating, and her ophthalmologist made the



Barrie: her vision deteriorated slowly

dition the blood is unable to drain from the retina, the back of the eye becomes swollen and the vein so distended that there are many small retinal haemorrhages. The condition can be progressive or can as it did for months in Miss Barrie's case. There was a relapse at Christmas when her vision deteriorated and it is now severely blurred.

There is every reason to hope that Miss Barrie's good eye will remain unaffected. However, if there is any predisposing condition which caused the occlusion in the left eye it might also influence the venous circu-

tation in the right.

Central retinal venous occlusion usually attacks older people; it is rare in the young. Although in roany cases there are no obvious redisposing factors present which can be treated, a high blood pressure has to be excluded. It is essential to make sure the person is not diabetic and any conditions which might lead to increased blood discosity must be treated if present.

There is no treatment for the initial occlusion butsome changes in the back of the eye which follow revasculation may need

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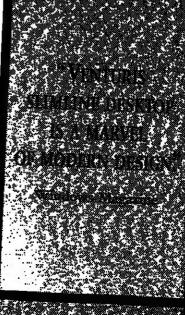
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Flock-owning MP becomes surprise black sheep

By ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER

before deciding to rebel. He called it "a sickening realisa-tion which meant I could nounced vesterday that he would be rebelling against the Government on the crucial hardly eat my Sunday lunch" and said he was rebelling Scott vote, few people had ever heard of this anodyne backbench Tory MP. only because the integrity of public life and the constitution Mr Davies makes an un-

likely leader of the new Scott is at risk". rebels. In the nine years since he became MP for Stamford Until now Mr Davies has pandered to the Whips' every whim. He is a member of the and Spalding his greatest claim to fame was that he had Treasury Select Committee as been cruel to sheep. Five years ago he was fined £1.500 for well as an officer of three Tory backbench committees. He is allowing his flock to starve on also a family man who attends his Lincolnshire estate and not church every week. He has always toed the preventing 36 newborn lambs from dying. Every time he tried to speak in the Comparty line and has made it

clear that he dislikes the mons. Labour MPs based. former whipless rebels for Since then Mr Davies, a embarrassing John Major over Europe. But like the former Tory MP Peter Thurnham, who quit the party multimülionaire, has kept a low profile. Colleagues say he is neither clubbable nor a thinker, although he gained a first at Cambridge. They are stunned that he has thrust last week, he has never been rewarded with ministerial office. Instead he has gained the himself into the limelight. dubious distinction of being Westminster's most widely travelled backbencher and picked up a host of lucrative "Let's hope he doesn't do a Thurnham and quit the party," said one. Mr Davies is considered consultancies.

contrary in his views - he is Mr Davies, who made his inclined to the One Nation money as a banker at Morgan Tories on the left of the party Grenfell, has recently been on but believes that criminals parliamentary trips to Italy, Germany, Estonia, Ethiopia, Turkey, Russia and Copenhashould be pelted with notten fruit in the village stocks and flogged on television. Yestergen. He said: "These are not a jaunt or beano. Other countries are confronting the same problems as us, and we would be barmy if we did not share

their experience." Unfortunately they are unlikely to have given him any tips about leading his new flock of renegades. The other Tory MPs who have threatened to vote against the Government or to abstain are mostly professional rebels who have less to lose. Only John Marshall, MP for Hendon South, has not voted against the Government



By MICHAEL HORNSBY COUNTRYSIDE

A PAST president of the National Farmers' Union has surprised the farming community by announcing that he will be voting Labour at the next general election.

Sir Simon Gourlay, who led the NFU from 1986 to 1991. says he has been alarmed by the Government's "lurch to the right" and finds himself more in tune with the philosophy of Tony Blair's party, including its pledge to introduce a statutory "right to roam" over uncultivated countryside.

Sir Simon said in an inter-

view with The Times that he

believed most of his fellow

farmers would open their land to the public only if forced to do so by the law: "I think farmers are extremely conservative when it comes to granting the public access." Sir Simon, 61, who grows 300 acres of cereals and keeps 185 suckler cows and 700 ewes in Powys, opened his farm to the public eight years ago. "I wrote to the local branch of the Ramblers' Association and said anyone was free to walk on my land, provided they kept off growing crops. respected gates and so on. I have had no problems. I think

Sir Simon sympathised with the view that public

farmers in general greatly

exaggerate the threat."



Sir Simon Gourlay, the former farmers' leader who now backs Labour, at his farm in Knighton, Powys, at the weekend

reasonable quid pro quo" for the vast subsidy that farmers

receive from taxpayers. A statutory right to roam is anathema to the current leadership of the NFU and to the Country Landowners Associ-ation. Pressure from the two groups ensured that only one Tory was among the 144 MPs who voted for an Opposition backbencher's Bill providing

for a right to roam at its first reading last month. It has no chance of becoming law under this Government, but would form the basis for legis-

lation if Labour was elected. Sir David Naish, the NFU president, was surprised that Sir Simon had "chosen to wear his political heart on his sleeve" but said he was entitled to vote for any party he tiked. "It is completely unnecessary to have a statutory right to roam. Farmers are willing to allow the public onto their land but it must be managed access by voluntary agreement," Sir David said. Sir Simon said his decision

to vote Labour had been prompted mainly by what he saw as the growing power of "the Pontillo-Howard axis, the

right-wing engine that is now driving the Tory party". He was also alarmed by the Scott

report into arms-to-trao. "I could no more have voted Labour under Michael Foot than flown over the moon," he said. "But new Labour has clearly taken on board much of what the Tories have done.

I think they should now be given a chance to govern."

He added that, if Labour won the next election, "no one is going to give us a honeymoon period for a split second. We have got to make sure that our programme is up and ready to go."

Peter Riddell, page 16

Thatcher defends Major over Scott

BY ALICE THOMSON POLITICAL REPORTER

BARONESS THATCHER will today lead a drive in the House of Lords to defend the Government over the Scott report. She is planning a speech that will challenge one of Sir Richard Scott's main

findings.

The former Prime Minister. in a rare show of solidarity with John Major, will say that Sir Richard is "plain wrong" to conclude in his report that ministers concealed a change in government guidelines on the export of defence-related

the export of defence-related equipment to Iraq.
In her first Lords speech for over a year, Lady Thatcher will argue that the guidelines never changed but only the way in which they were applied. However, she will make it "abundantly clear" that she thinks the inquiry should nev-er have been held, according

Many peers, who are nor-mally the first to dissociate themselves from what they view as the "sleazier" lower House, also do not believe that Mr Major and his ministers have sacrificed the integrity of

Lord Howe of Aberavon, who as Foreign Secretary su-pervised the department that authorised the guidelines, is likely to make a staunch defence of his colleague, William Waldegrave. Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the former Lord Chancellor, and two Law Lords will also defend the Government.

On the other side Lord Healey and Lord Callaghan of Cardiff will be attacking the way "Parliament has degener-ated under the Tories" and calling for resignations. It will be one of the most formidable line-ups in the Lords for years. But Labour is unlikely to seek a vote as it knows that with the help of more than 300 hereditary peers who take the Tory whip, Mr Major would have an easy victory.

William Rees-Mogg, page 16 Leading article and



Davies: unlikely rebel

Mandelson favours electoral reform the Alternative Vote system under which people express first, second and er, had shown they were not interested in pacts. "What we are talking about is BY PHILIP WEBSTER electoral system, he said, the Alternative Vote should be considered. Mr Mandelson said: "We want a POLITICAL EDITOR third preferences in each constituency. principled co-operation to achieve the LABOUR'S leadership yesterday sent a fresh signal to Paddy Ashdown that it things that we think are important. consensus across classes, across-pro-fessions, right across the country. That means building a coalition of support If no candidate achieves 50 per cent, What that means is that if we are the preference votes are redistributed. Mr Mandelson's words were welelected. Labour would come in with a for what we are doing which embraces both the Centre and the Left."

is ready to consider electoral reform as it tries to build a centre Left consensus. Peter Mandelson, MP for Hartlepool and a close adviser to Tony Blair, made clear that Labour was hoping for Liberal Democrat backing for a longterm programme of government.
For the first time he hinted that if

electoral reform took place under

comed by senior Liberal Democrats last night. He was being interviewed on BBC1's On the Record about his new book, co-authored with Roger Liddle, which is thought likely to contain clues about Mr Blair's longterm thinking.

He said that Mr Blair and Mr

programme to be implemented over the long term, which I hope the Liberal Democrats will feel willing and able to inport."
Mr Mandelson said that the prob-

lem with proportional representation was that it would produce a plethora of minority, often extreme, parties. If



'From the very beginning I wanted to meet him. I felt he owed me an explanation'

by how large he was. I just thought Ruth never had a

'Mother confronts man who killed her daughter

CRIME CORRESPONDENT

WOMAN has shaken hands with her daughter's murderer in jail after campaigning for years to be allowed to meet him.

Lesley Moreland was determined to confront the man who killed Ruth in 1990 and to learn the full story of her death. The Home Office finally agreed. Now the 56-year-old charity worker wants other relatives of murder victims to be given the same access.

Mrs Moreland, from Potters Bar, Hertfordshire, hopes that telling her story will encourage other relatives of murder victims to realise meetings are possible. She believes meetings can help relatives to overcome grief and to rehabilitate the killers.

The murderer can confront what he has done, reason why he has done it and fight against it happening again," she said. "Surely that is what the prison system is about." She agreed to describe her experiences only if her daugh-ter's killer was not identified so that he could serve his sentence undisturbed.

Ruth, 22, was killed at the house she shared with friends in Enfield, north London. She was an employment training officer who had helped her attacker in the past. The jobless 23-year-old arrived at her house at 5am asking for



Ruth Moreland was stabled to death in her house

do that? Here was someone we

had never heard of, I wanted

to find out what kind of man

he was. I felt he owed me an

Her husband, an account-

ant, wanted to forget the

murder but he did not stop his

wife trying to meet the killer. After taking advice from penal

experts she used intermediar-

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proach the killer. Finally the

gates opened for her at a Mid-lands jail two months ago.

Mrs Moreland said: "I was frightened. I was worried in

case it stirred up a lot of very

painful and difficult things.

help. Ruth let him in but asked him to leave when she realised he was high on LSD. He turned on her and stabbed her more than 100 times.

The man was arrested the next day. At the Old Bailey trial he admitted manslaughter on the ground of diminished responsibility but was convicted of murder and sentenced to life with a recommendation that he should serve 13 years. Mrs Moreland said: "From

the very beginning I wanted to meet the man who killed my daughter. I wanted to understand why he would want to hurt her. Why would anyone

chance. The man looked like he was under some stress and breathing heavily and he said something like 'Can someone help me? I don't know what to say.' I later heard he thought I would attack him." Mrs Moreland asked how he got to know Ruth and the killer started talking. "In vari-

ous ways he expressed re-morse and acknowledged he had caused a lot suffering to people. The meeting was a genuine effort to give information. He did not do it cynically," Mrs Moreland said. As they parted she shook his hand. "I wanted to acknowl-

edge the fact he had displayed great courage. I think he made a great effort," said Mrs oreland, who is a Quaker and an opponent of capital punishment. She wrote to him, thanking him again, She also told him she did not want arry further contact.

because she did not challenge the prison system but used mediators. A direct approach to a prisoner or his prison governor would only have been refused because the idea was so novel.

Mrs Moreland would like to e a more formal system set up. She said: "It will always be a minority that want to do it but that does not mean they



Lesley Moreland wants relatives of murder victims to be allowed to meet the killers

U2 captain blamed for death crash

An American U2 spyplane pilot was to blame for the crash in which he died at RAF Fairford, Gloucestershire, last summer, an investigation has

US Air Force investigators said that Captain David Hawkens, 35 - nicknamed Hawk - tried to wiggle the wings of his plane to shake off a small piece of take-off equip-ment which had not detached properly. The jet's height and speed were too low for the manoeuvre and its engines stalled, investigators said.

Royal hitch

An RAF aircraft taking the Duke of Edinburgh to a South African wildlife conference stopped overnight in Kenya with an electrical problem. He continued by Kenya Airways.

Fatal stabbing

A youth of 15 was arrested yesterday after a teenager was stabbed to death in Barnard Castle, Co Durham, Ian Gamble, 16, was found dead in the street late on Saturday.

Birth day berth

Amanda Felen was taken by lifeboat from Osea Island in the Blackwater estuary, Essex, yesterday after going into labour. She later gave birth to a healthy 9lb 2oz boy.

DNA hold-ups

Police forces all over the country are having to wait six months for DNA results from the National Database Centre in Birmingham because of a 60,000 backlog of samples.

Exotic arrivals

Sunderland, already home to a Slavonian grebe, has attracted the rarer laughing gull, far from its US east coast haunt. A cedar waxwing, from Canada, has been seen in Nottingham.

Lottery winners

Four ticketholders with the winning combination will each receive £2,237,965 from Saturday's National Lottery jackpot of £8.9 million. Numbers, page 22

Jails watchdog to see Howard over role change

cial meeting this week amid reports documents. He is said to be unhap-that the Prisons Ombudsman is py at the package of measures, threatening to quit. Michael How-which is understood to include threatening to quit. Michael How-which is understood to include and will meet Vice-Admiral Sir Peter preventing him looking at decisions. Woodhead on Wednesday to dis-cuss the ombudsman's role after

proposals to revise his powers. Sir Peters job is to investigate individual complaints from the

taken by ministers over the 3,200 life-sentence prisoners and allowing civil servants to decide which official papers he can see during his

country's jails. He reportedly ob-jects to plans to stop him examining day that the review giving rise to the some ministerial decisions and to meeting was simply an attempt to The Prison Service insisted yester-

Hand-picked Peruvian pima-

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clarify Sir Peter's role to bring it closer to its original remit. A spokesman said: "The original remit of the ombudsman was to investigate complaints by prisoners about the Prison Service as an agency, not the decisions of individual ministers. The ombudsman's remit is kept under review and the revisions that have been proposed are merely to clarify what had been set out from

the very beginning." Sir Peter could not be contacted for comment but the Prison Service spokesman added: "I am sure he will make his position clear when he meets Mr Howard this week."

According to the Independent on Sunday, Sir Peter is reported to have told Prison Service officials that the proposals would make his job "a joke". His resignation, or even open friction between him and Mr Howard, would be another blow to the Prison Service, which is still recovering from Mr Howard's

tor-General, last October. A replacement has not yet been found. Harry Fletcher, assistant general

dimissal of Derek Lewis, the Direc-

secretary of the National Associ-ation of Probation Officers, said the ombudsman, who was appointed after Lord Woolf's inquiry into the 1990 Strangeways riot, had got off to a good start. "If this package of measures goes through, it will severely curtail the ombudsman's terms of reference," he said.

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Mormons catching up mainstream churches

By RUTTI GLEDHILL RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE Mormon Church in Britain is beginning to catch with the mainstream Christian Churches. Worldwide there are more Mormons outside America than in, according to figures released today by the church, which is based at Salt Lake City, Utah.

Although the church was the oldest continuous branch is in Preston. Lancashire. Numbers of Mormons in Britain have grown thirtyfold in 30 years from 6,500 in the mid-Sixties to more than 170,000.

This puts the Mormons who are officially called the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, and who allow posthumous baptism. roughly level with Pentecostalists in Britain, and catching up the country's 240,000 Baptists. There are 2 million Roman Catholics in Britain, nearly 1.5 million registered members of the Church of England and 480,000 Methodists. Recently

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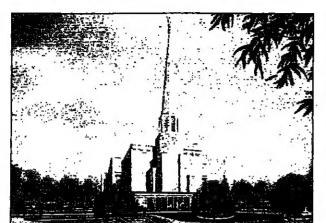
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members, the church num-

bers 9.4 million in 156 coun-

tries. Taking the latest

baptisms into account only

49.9 per cent live in America.

Britain in 1837 on its first

foreign mission, has begun

work on its second British

temple at Chorley, near Pres-

ton. The first was dedicated at

Lingfield, Surrey, in 1958.

the Mormons, whose celebrity members include the Osmonds, the pop singing family, made news with their purchases of British farmland. The church owns 10,000 acres in Britain, mostly in East Anglia, putting it in the country's top ten landowners, who also include the Crown and Railtrack

Graham Doxey, the United Kingdom president, said: The church is growing rapidly in Britain as in many other parts of the world because it is founded on the teachings of Jesus Christ. It is familycentred and has very practical answers on how to find joy and contentment."

The church was founded by Joseph Smith, a New England farmer, who claimed to have been guided by an angel to dig up gold plates on which the Book of Mormon was written. Both he and his successor Brigham Young, who led the church to Utah, were polygamous although that practice was banned early this century.

Mormons believe they are the restored original church of Jesus Christ. Their secret temple services and proselytism have made the Mormons an abiding concern of cult-watchers. In Kent last year, a Mormon football team was refused entry to a local Christian football league.

But despite a fracas earlier this year when two Mormon



Graham Doxey, the Mormons' UK president, flanked by fellow leaders John Fowler, left, and Cecil Samuelson

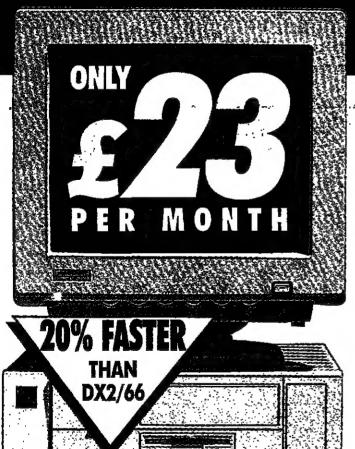
missionaries tried to convert a dean-shaven and well-dressed young men who frequently knock on doors throughout Britain represent a culture known for hard work, family

loyalty and prosperity. For nance, the Mormons are seen as an increasingly attractive option in a world of material uncertainties. Mormons have

the world's largest genealogical database because of their practice of posthumous haptism, which is done on the belief that the family can continue beyond death and

reject what has been done. Church leaders last year removed the names of 380,000 Jewish holocaust victims from their list of the posthumously haptised after protests from

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Galaxies observed in act of formation

By NIGEL HAWKES

ASTRONOMERS have dis-covered a group of galaxies in the very act of formation. The galaxies are ancient but the ight from them has taken so long to reach the Earth that we can see them as they were

ten billion years ago. They are so distant that until recently no telescope existed that could produce spectra of their light and confirm their remoteness.

The finding will help to clarify the early evolution of the universe. "Galaxies are the fundamental structures." which matter is organised, yet we don't have a clear understanding of how they formed or how they have evolved," Dr Chuck Steidel, of the California Institute of Technology, said. His team includes Dr Max Pettini, of the Royal Greenwich Obser-

vatory in Cambridge.

The method used involves, scanning the sky using filters that allow through light of only red, green or ultraviolet wavelengths. The aim was to identify objects that are visi-ble in red and green but vanish in UV. Young galaxies produce a lot of UV but all of t will be absorbed if they are very distant.

SAS asked to pledge lifetime secrecy

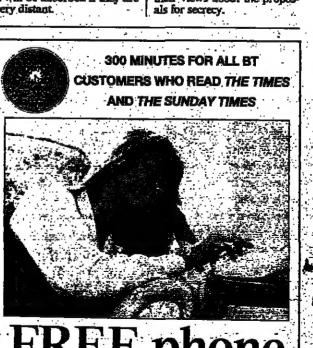
BY A STAFF REPORTER

FORMER and current members of the SAS are considering plans for a lifetime commitment to silence over the force's special operations. Those who broke the pledg which may be supported by a legally binding contract, could be expelled from the regimental association.

The move follows the publication of a number of books by fermer SAS soldiers, including Bravo Two-Zero by Andy McNab, and the screening on TTV last week of a film about a Gulf War patrol that was discovered after being dropped behind Iraqi lines. The story was first told in an account of the Gulf War by Sir Peter de la Billière, a former SAS commander, who led British forces in the war. The Carlton film was based on a book about the patrol by Chris Ryan, the only member who managed to evade the pursu-

ing Iraqis.
Defence chiefs and senior SAS officers fear that other former soldiers could write profitable books about their

The Regimental Association Colonel Commandant has written to members, seeking their views about the propos-



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Peace process is terrorists' target

Hamas bombers deal blow to Peres election prospects

THE bomb attacks yesterday in Jerusalem and the seaside town of Ashkelon, in which at least 25 thed and 77 were injured, could not have come at a worse moment for Israel's ruling Labour coalition, nor for the peace process.

Before the scenes of carnage were streemed repeatedly throughout the Jewish state. infortating and sickening Isractis in equal measure, Shimon Peres, the Prime Minister and four-time election loser, had a comfortable 15point lead in the latest opinion polls for the election he called for May 29.

The polls, published last Friday in the two biggest selling Israeli papers, Maartv and Yedior Aharonoi, gave the 72-year-old Labour leader 49 per cent of the vote in the race for Prime Minister who will be directly elected for the first time in Israel's history - compared with only 34 per cent for his much younger right-wing rival, Benjamin Netanyahu, leader of the main

Likud opposition party. It was hard to find a Jewish or Arab commentator yesterday not convinced that Mr Peres's lead will be badly hit by the two bomb attacks, for in an Israeli election security is

the main issue. "Security, security and again security; that is what rules the decision of most Jewish voters," one leading Israeli journalist said. "Israeli elections are not like those in other democratic countries."

He was speaking before the disturbing scenes in which Mr. Peres, widely regarded by his right-wing opponents as "soft" on terrorism and lacking the macho image that many Israelis like in their leaders, was derisively booed by hundreds of onlookers. The jeering took place as he visited the scene of the Jerusalem blast, which happened at the start of the morning rush hour.

Mr Peres's sensitivity was later demonstrated at a press conference, when he snapped at a journalist who asked him how the attacks would dam-



An Israeli woman, wounded in the bomb attack at Jerusalem's central bus station, is taken to hospital

Jerusalem to the Palestinians

in negotiations due to begin immediately after the election.

Mr Peres and other minis-

ters, in an atmosphere Labour

party sources described as

panic, spent most of the week before yesterday's attacks de-

nying this and other damag-ing allegations that Labour

would offer a host of conces-

sions to the Palestinians.

Speaking at the news confer-

ence yesterday. Mr Peres

pledged an uncompromising

war against Muslim militants,

and said he would honour his

agreements with Yassir Ara-

fat, chairman of the Palestine

Liberation Organisation, which grant Palestinians limited self-rule in towns and

villages in the West Bank and

By killing and wounding

scores of Jews, Harnas leaders

Gaza Strip.

have asked today," the Prime Minister retorted, although his aides admit that the peace process initiated by his assassinated predecessor, Yitzhak Rabin, and the election he has: deliberately brought forward, are inexorably linked. The, aides had been hoping to capitalise on the pro-peace mood which swept the country after Mr Rabin's murder.

Mr Rabin was himself similarly boosd by furious rightwingers when he visited the site of a previous and less serious Hamas bomb, which blew up a bus in a Tel Aviv suburb last July. Mr Rabin then, like Mr Peres yesterday, vowed that the peace process would go on, but he was not fighting an election campaign in which his record on that issue was being challenged.

Last week Likud launched their own election battle with a vicious personal attack on Mr. Peres and his attitude towards the future of Israeli sovereignty over annexed east Jerusaem, the Arab sector captured

in 1967. Under the slogan "Peres will divide Jerusalem", Likud wrong footed by Israel's swing to the Left prompted by Mr is the last question you should planning to hand back east

have deliberately played into Likud's hands. As one Hamas activist in Gaza explained recently: "If Likud get back to power, the so-called peace process will collapse in a matter of weeks. We are well aware of that."

Until yesterday's blasts, which some desparing pro-peace Israelis claimed had reforged the "unholy alliance" tremists and the Jewish Far Right, Mr Netanyahu had found it hard to mobilise party opinion against a peace deal which many Likud supporters admitted grudgingly seemed to be working, if imperfectly. Apart from vowing that he would never meet Mr Arafat personally, but leave it to a Netanyahu was forced to acleave parts of the 1993 deal in place. But he manocuvred his party into a perfect position to

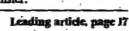
peace policy. He did this by linking Likud with the harder line Tosomet and giving its leader. Rafael Eitan - who once dismissed Arabs as "cockroaches" - the No 2 position on the joint list for the Knesset.

capitalise on the inevitable

fears about the Government's

By persuading Mr Eitan to bandon his own candidacy for the premiership, Mr Netanyahu ensured that any right-wing sympathies roused Hamas outrages would increase his own chances in what will be a bitter-struggle with Mr Peres.

The question being asked last night was how many more times must the Islamic fanatics strike before Mr Peres's 15point lead has been whittled down to zero, or even been reversed. "The irony is that much as I hate them, the beasts from Hamas could win us this election." said Moni Cohen, a strong Likud supporter and fierce opponent of the peace process. Every bus bomb between now and May 29 will make it harder for Mr Peres to remain as Prime



Major

sends his

sympathy

JOHN MAJOR last night sent a message of support to Shimon Peres, the Israeli

"I was shocked to hear of the appalling bombings in Jerusa-lem and Ashkelon," Mr Major

told Mr Peres. "London has

suffered its own bombings in

the last fortnight, including on

a bus last weekend, so I know

all too well the devastation

they will have caused, shattering both lives and hopes that such indiscriminate and senseless violence might at

last have given way to dia-

logue. Please convey my deep

condolences to the victims and

Mr Major added: "I well

know the strain that these outrages will impose on your

courageous and unremitting

efforts to take forward the

discussed in London earlier

this month, while the perpetrators must be relentlessly

pursued, they cannot be allowed to disrupt the just

search of a democratic society

for a lasting and peaceful

The Board of Deputies of British Jews also condemned

their families."

Prime Minister.



In the aftermath of the Jerusalem bomb, shocked onlookers gather to survey the tangled wreckage of the bus

'I condemn them completely'



Arafat: sent condolences to Mr Peres and to the families of the victims

ISRAEL cancelled a planned visit to the West Bank yesterday by Yassir Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, in

spite of his condemnation of the attacks.
"I condemn them completely," Mr Arafat
said in Gaza City. "This is not a military
operation. This is a terrorist operation. It is not only against civilians. It is against the whole peace process and I am sending my condolences to the families of the victims and to the Prime Minister, Shimon Peres." King Husain of Jordan said: "My feeling is

re of bitterness and disgust. It's an effort to blow up the peace process." Egypt's Foreign Ministry said: "The two

explosions represent a return to practices that should stop within the framework of the

agoing peace process.

Israeli security forces and Palestinian police were expected to arrest many Hamas members last night. The explosions came two days after Israel ended an 11-day closure of the Palestinian territories.

Hezbollah praises terror group

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THERE was praise yesterday for the bombers from Arab guerrilla groups in Beirnt and Damascus. We welcome any action against the Israeli occupation and we salute the hands which carried out the heroic

actions against the Israelis," said a spokesman for the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a radical grouping within the Palestine Liberation Organisation of Yassir Arafat.

The Lebanese militant group Hezbollah, which fights Israeli forces in south-

gle would go on. There will be no peace and stability for Israel, however high the level of political or military measures it takes, because of the Jihad (holy war) spirit of those fighters," said Nacem Qassem, secretary-general of the movement.

Clinton deplores killers' dark vision

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF



THE "dark vision" of the ered in St Peter's Square in bombers who killed 25 people Rome that he felt spiritually in Israel yesterday was decided to the families of the in Israel yesterday was de-plored by President Clinton. He promised never to let them derail the American-brokered Middle East peace process.

In a White House state-

ment. Mr Clinton said the bombings "offend the conscience of the world. They must not only be condemned; they must be brought to an end." He blamed enemies of peace for trying to turn back progress towards a Middle East in which Arabs and Israelis live in peace. They have not and will not succeed," he said. Their dark vision is of the past, not the present; of violence, not hope for a better future

victims, adding: "May God inspire all men of goodwill ... Once more I turn to all those who believe in dialogue and I invite them not to lose hope." Alain Juppé, the French

Prime Minister, said he knew Israel would not be stopped from seeking peace. "I know that your determination to continue working towards peace will not be weakened by this tragedy," he said in a message to Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister. Susanna Agnelli, Forcign

Minister of Italy, which holds the EU presidency, said: "Such vile acts of terrorism :can provoke only condemna-



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Rewrite of Maastricht spells little light relief for downcast star players

AFTER several years of fitful slumber, Europe's treaty nerds are waking up again. From burrows in Paris, Bonn and Rome, earnest men and women waving wads of newly drafted clauses as thick as telephone directories are emerging to do battle again over the Maastricht treaty.

Tomorrow the French and German Foreign Ministers meet in a last effort to hammer out a programme with which they can gang up on John Major. One day this week, the British officials labouring to



Europe as boring as possible will finish their soporific work. At the end of next good fly to Turin for the ist hero left on the stage now that the late President Mittertal conference on Maastricht. All the big EU governments are exhausted and depressed by the Maastricht rewrite before it even starts: the talks will not be a barrel of laughs.

Because the conference will probably stretch out for at least a year, many unforeseen mishaps will occur. But one prediction is quite safe: federalists will be grievously disappointed - the conference will fail". They hope for a "crisis" which will have to be solved by Helmut Kohl. The German Chancellor is the only federalrand and Jacques Delors. former President of the Euro-

pean Commission, are gone. The treaty conference could be obliterated by the row which would erupt if, as seems likely, the 1999 start for the single currency is postponed. But the deadlock which true believers in a united Europe desire is different: such a crisis would allow a small hard core of federalist states to split from the rest. Federalists yearn for Mr Major to dig in his heels so hard that Herr Kohl throws a gigantic wobbly and then

storms off towards a federal Europe with a small band of

Things rarely pan out like that in the EU; creeping change is more common than melodrama. The transformation desired by federalists is not simply a more "flexible" or a la carte EU: those labels mean that all-member countries allow a smaller group of . states to co-operate more closely on a subject of their choosing. A far more radical change would permit some countries to move ahead of others and to make treaty changes without the agreement of each EU

state. That would split the Union into at least two classes. The upper tier might not be automatically open to states in the lower class.

Monetary union may yet split the EU, but watch out for signals that curning draftsmen are working on a treaty fix that might produce some of the same result by rewording one crucial clause. Watch out for mention of Article N. This short clause sits quietly at the front of the Maastricht treaty and hasn't bothered anybody for years. Its most important sentence lays down how treaty changes must be agreed and

says that they "shall enter force after being ratified by all the member states in accordance with their respective constitutional requirements". This dull-sounding formula

is the EU's brake mechanism. Article N was the legal reason why about 45,000 Danes - the anti-treaty majority in their 1992 referendum — stopped the entire Maastricht treaty juggernaut in its tracks. Herr Kohl and Mitterrand

must have dreamt either of ignoring or of punishing the recalcitrant Danes, but Article N stood in their way. The treaty could not come into

So far, no government has publicly suggested changing Article N. But the idea was around in M Delors's later years in Brussels. The German MP, Karl Lamers, who flies policy kites for Herr Kohl, definitely has it in mind. Belgian federalists would have no problem with a bold solution to British recalcitrance. Euro-sceptics may claim that Mr Major could block more than he does, but his power to do so would be weaker if anybody began tampering with the brakes.

Germany will miss monetary union deadline, say MPs

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

scenario," a spokeswoman

signs of nervousness in Bonn about the financial and eco-

nomic figures for next year

which may well push mone-

that public indebtedness must

not exceed 3 per cent of gross

domestic product. Last year. Germany overshot the target, with debt reaching 3.6 per

cent. According to the project-ed figures available to mem-

handling of the economy.

On Saturday night he and

his wife, Donatella, attended

actress Sharon Stone. Ms

Stone, in Rome to publicise

her film Casino, wished

on the public.

Dini forms party

Rome: Lamberto Dini, the tion. He is respected for his caretaker Prime Minister, administrative ability and his

There are, however, strong

GERMANY will fail to meet the entry criteria for European monetary union next year, the crucial selection year for the single currency, according to calculations circulating in the finance committee of the German parliament.

Both Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, and Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister, were quick yesterday to quash new fretting about Germany's ability to meet the targets. The Chancellor emphasised in a rare television interview last night that he had no intention of choosing between a firm new European currency and the start date of 1999.

Stability has always been the absolute priority for me," he said. "But you cannot interpret that to mean I am for postponing the timetable, absolutely not."

Herr Waigel said his officials were working on a new variant of the European Monetary System to link fully

transformed Italy's election

campaign at the weekend by

announcing he was forming a

and governability to the coun-

Centre Right, which accused Signor Dini of planning to

align himself with the Centre Left. Silvio Berlusconi, the Centre Right candidate for

Prime Minister, said Signor

Dini, hitherto seen as above

party politics, was like a

referee who suddenly chose to

by President Scalfaro in Janu-

ary last year, after the collapse of Signor Berlusconi's coali-

Signor Dini was appointed

play for one of the teams.

try (Richard Owen writes).

double, to DM150 billion (£66.4 billion) by the end of bers with those countries wanting, but unable, to enter the system. His officials de-

nied reports yesterday that plans were being forged for The reason for the prediction is reduced tax revenue the eventuality that only Luxprompted by the economic embourg would qualify for slowdown, and tax shortfalls monetary union on the basis that will result from impleof 1997 figures. The German menting the ambitious 50point government programme to generate new jobs. Finance Ministry is not conducting any discussions about delaying the timetable and is

Entrepreneurs are to be not working on an alternative given generous tax concessions to encourage them to hire more workers. If these and other promised measures are adopted, and if unemploy-ment remains at its present high level of about four million, public debt is likely to tary union out of reach. One of reach as much as 4.02 per cent the Maastricht entry criteria is of gross domestic product.

That would certainly disqualify Germany from mem-bership of the European monetary union and torpedo the whole project unless the start date was delayed. Herr Waigel said that the

figures were purely specula-tive and emphasised that next year's budget has not even been approved yet. "Who can say today that we will not fulfil the criteria in 1997?"
Herr Kohl made clear that

he would be pressing for more sacrifices from the Germans to stay on track for monetary union. "I think we should stop this discussion over who is who cannot Join the single currency]. Everyone has to do his homework. We Germans have much to do in this area."

Signor Dini "good luck in German public opinion is fiercly divided over the project your new venture, a highprofile endorsement not lost of a single currency. Opinion polls indicate that two-thirds of the population oppose any Many commentators suspect Signor Dini has stepped plan to abandon the mark; the in with the tacit encouragement of Signor Scalfaro, who business world is divided between larger companies (which broadly are in favour wants to end "revolving-door" governments by seeing of EMU) and smaller enterforms, including a referenprises which lear that the euro dum on installing a Frenchwill unleash a serious bout of destructive inflation.



The coffins of two men, who died during a gun battle in which two sons-in-law of President Saddam Hussein of Iraq were also killed, are carried through the streets of Baghdad. The men, described as "martyrs" after they died on Friday helping

Iraq honours gunmen

to kill returned defectors Lieutenant-General Hussein Kamel Hassan and his brother, Colonel Saddam Kamel, were given a state burial, with Saddam's sons,

Uday and Qusay, acting as pallbearers (Michael Theo-doulon writes). The Iraqi media said the President's sons in-law, who defected to

and their father in a shoot-An Iraqi television annous

er read a telegram, said to be from the Kamel Hassan family, saying they had killed the defectors to

Libyan mountain 'holds arms plant'

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

According to intelligence sources quoted in yesterday's New York Times. Libya is

digging a network of tunnels covering six square miles under a mountain at Tarhunah, 40 miles southeast of Tripoli. The CIA has yet to obtain photographs of the plant, but construction plans and building specifications have been obtained by the German secret service from German and Austrian companies which provided workers and equipment for the site. Western intelligence agen-

LIBYA is building a huge cies believe the plant could be chemical weapons complex inside a hollowed-out mountain, American officials say.

cies believe the plant could be testimony to Congress last described by the CIA as a ruse week as "the world's largest to enable Libya to convert week as "the world's largest to enable Libya to convert underground chemical weapons completed as early as next week as "the world's largest to enable Libya to convert underground chemical weapons completed as early as next week as "the world's largest to enable Libya to convert one produce the ingredients for one plant." tonnes of poison gas daily.

Libya, which has been working on chemical and biological weapons since the ear-ly 1980s, insists that the project is an irrigation system. Ameri-can officials dismiss this explanation and say the complex already contains most of Libya's existing stockpile of about 100 toures of chemical

Listing Libya as a rogue nation" alongside Iran. Iraq and North Korea, John Deutch, the CIA Director, described the complex during

One of 18 nations believed to be pursuing chemical weapons. Libya has refused to sign. a 1993 United Nations convention prohibiting the use, development or stockpiling of chemical arms. In the 1980s, the United States accused Libya of build-

ing a chemical weapons plant at Rabta, southwest of Tripoli, and producing about 100 tonnes of chemical agents.
Libya claims that the Rabta

plant was destroyed by a fire started by Western intelli-gence agents in 1990 — a claim

a replacement underground.

Cash to families: America has agreed to make payments of up to \$300,000 (El90,000) to families of each of the 248 Iranians who were killed when an Iran Air passenger plane was shot down by a US. Navy cruiser nearly eight

years ago. State Department officials said the settlement indicated no warming of relations towards Tehran, which the US strongly opposes for its continued sponsorship of Palestin-

Bahrain bombing resumes

Manama: A blast at a local newspaper plant was blamed on Iranian-backed Shia Muslim extremists bent on forcing Bahrain's ruling Sunni family, to recall the parliament in disbanded 2I years ago (Christopher Walker writes).

The bombing, which came at the end of the holy month of

Ramadan, came 24 hours after officials boasted that bombers who recently attacked two luxury hotels had been

The latest blast, which de-stroyed the car of the chief editor of the pro-government Al-Ayam and injured one of its employees, was planted in a supposedly secure area close to a military base.

Sinn Fein official attends Eta rally

San Schastian: Pat Rice, a Sing Fein councillor in Northern Ireland, accepted an invi-tation by Herri Batasıma, the political wing of Eta, to be the guest speaker at a weekend rally of Basque separatists that honoured both the IRA and Eta (Edward Owen writes). Eta is opposed to next Sunday's elections in Spain, but used the meeting to present their candidates, mainly widows of separatists killed during an alleged dirty

Telephone tap scandal in Paris 🌣

ping scandal has crupted after 🛕 reports that the French secret service recorded the telephone conversations of many cit-zens, including lawyers jour-nalists and political figures, between 1987 and 1993 (Ben Macintyre writes). Government ministers from Left and Right backed the scheme, according to the newspaper Le Journal du Dimanche.

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Vatican nominations for 'church Oscars' set film buffs reeling

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

THE Vatican, which long ago gave up trying to vet the faithful's reading matter by issuing its Index of forbidden books, started arguments among Roman Catholics and other film buffs alike at the weekend by publishing a list of recommended films.

The list was dubbed "The Church Oscars" by the Italian press. Franco Zeffirelli, the film director, accused the Vatican of putting its authority behind "blasphemous" films such as Pier Paolo Pasolini's The Gospel According to St Matthew while ignoring his own religious

Vatican sources said the Pope had wanted to join the celebrations marking 100 years of cinema and wished to make the point that films were a force for good as well as bad. The choice was made by a team led by Archbishop John Foley, of the United States, head of the Papal Council for Social Communi-

Zeffirelli: wanted his

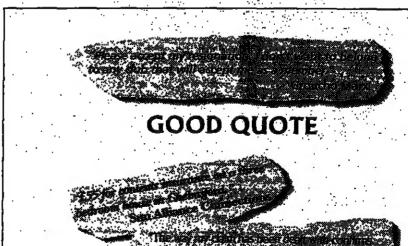
cation. They chose 45 films, in three categories religious films films that propagate moral values and films that are neither religious nor mor-

The religious films include not only Pasolini's Gospel According to St Matthew, an idiosyncratic and often disturbing work, but also Roland Joffe's tale of Jesuit mission aries in South America, The Mission, starring Jeremy Irons and Robert De Niro, and Fred Zinnemann's A Man for All Seasons, with Paul Scoffeld as Sir Thomas

"Morally uplifting" films include Lord Attenborough's Gandhi, de Sica's Bicycle Thieves and Stephen Spiel-berg's Schindler's List. The third, general category is headed by Stanley Kubrick's 2001. A Space Odyssey and Disney's Fantasia.

Signor Zeffirelli said Paso-lini had been "not only mediocre but also an atheist" and his vision of Christianity had been entirely distorted. He had been a "blasphemer".

Members of the papal coun-cil said Signor Zeffirelli, who said his own films such as Brother Sun, Sister Moon, should have been on the Vatican list, was acting out of pique. Father Luigi Bini. lecturer in ethics at the Catholic University of Milan, said Zeffirelli's films were spectacularly produced and beautiful to look at, but often lacked the kind of originality that shed light on the human condition. Their religious message tend-





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Coca-Cola Cup refreshes Wilkinson's multinational force

Leeds quench Wembley thirst

Leeds United . Birmingham City (Leeds win 5-1 on agg)

FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

WEMBLEY Stadium has a magnetic pull that outlasts history and covers an everwidening field. When Leeds United found that holy grail yesterday, strolling past Birmingham City to claim the right to meet Aston Villa in the Coca-Cola Cup final on March 24, it was not only the first time in the life of many of their supporters that Leeds had won a semi-final, it also had echoes through the minds of the manager, Howard Wilkinson, born and raised a South Yorkshireman, and three of his team, who joyously said that a Wembley final was bred into them in their African

homelands. Such is the tradition of Wembley, even if the Coca-Cola Cup is not quite the real thing. Such is the spread, give or take a xenophobe or two, of our multiracial, multinational FA Carling Premiership

The victory yesterday, in front of 35,435 spectators, 5,200 of them from Birmingham, was won and lost in a six-minute span shortly \$after half-time. Birmingham had missed a gilt-edged oppor-unity when Richardson hesitated five yards out and Lukicbrought off a fine reaction save. Within minutes, Masinga and Yeboah had scored for Leeds, goals out of Africa, and then Birmingham squanalered a penalty. Claridge hit-

two seasons under Barry Fry. they had failed to hit the target from the penalty spot 14 times

in 23 attempts.

For such a gambler, a manager whose team seems to be put together on the whirl of a roulette wheel, he seems. awfully down on his luck. In truth, the method, the perse-verance of Wilkinson and of course the wealth of Leeds was always likely to beat the scattergun effect that had taken Birmingham surprisingly

"It's a great sense of relief,". Wilkinson, who as a player, coach and manager has worked 34 years to tread Wembley's cup turf, said. "This club does seem to have a pressurised feel about it. Don-Revie came along and transformed Leeds for a while, then it slipped back. It hasn't had

the game, and eight managers in 23 years have not had the satisfaction of taking this club

to the holy grail." He knows Aston Villa are playing exceptionally well, he knows that Birmingham are a league behind. Yet as three early chances were squandered by Masinga, the man-ager could see his team failing in nerve. "We finished the first half like men waiting for the jury to come back," Wilkinson said. "I spent the whole of half-time telling them I had picked a team to go out there and win it, to pass the ball, get hold of it, express themselves. The relief when they did it is something I will savour, but not for long because we have an FA Cup replay at Port Vale

on Tuesday."
Indeed, they do, and indeed the gulf between Leeds and

WHY THE WEMBLEY WALT IS OVER FOR LEEDS UNITED

Birmingham had been apparent in all but spirit and will to compete. Before the game, there had been a scuille in the car park and three arrests, but during and after it there was no hint of the malevolence of a fortnight ago, no sense of any Birmingham supporter doing anything more than add to the theatre of the Elland Road stadium. Yet they knew the odds were stacked high and wondered how their players survived until half-time. Moments before that whistle, McAllister had tested Greimink from 25 yards, and the young Dutch goalkeeper had found some elasticity in his legs, his back and his left hand, which thrillingly parried the ball. Moments later, Roger Dilkes, the referee, went down; he had collided with Claridge, the two of them were stunned and for a mo-

FIFTH ROUND

Dilkes managed to get his whistle to his mouth and call for first aid.

Then, after the half-time respite, Leeds took total command. Yeboah, who else, prompted the victory. His shot from outside the area ricocheted to McAllister whose own shot at glory was saved again by Greimink but this time Masinga poached the goal from a matter of five yards. It was the 53rd minute, and in the 55th Volcate and in the 56th Yeboah excelled. His goal, an overhead volley from 12 yards, ranked maybe fourth or fifth in his season's tally. The Ghanalan has now scored 17 times this season, 30 in his 49 starts for Leeds, and to him "Wembley is a dream come true".

The third goal, four minutes

ter who, receiving the ball from Wallace, controlled it, looked into the goalmouth, and placed the ball on to the head of Deane with the imperious manner with which he guides Leeds on the field.

Deane easily headed home.
Poor Birmingham. Outclassed, tactically out-thought, with one win in 13 games, they have to throw the dice with a longer mission in mind than anything that maybe won in 1996. Their fans went down singing "Keep right on to the end of the road." It is a road, for your leading to nonthern for now, leading to nowhere. For Leeds, there was a swift

drink last night. This morning they assemble, Wilkinson considers a trio of wounded players — Dorigo (hamstring), Kelly (bruised shin) and Wetherall (sore knee) — before they journey to the Potteries for the real Cup. He has, some time, to integrate his £4 million Swede, Tomas Brolin, but having embraced as many foreigners as Leeds now have, no one can doubt how much this country, temporarily at least, revels in imported talent. Leeds are on the way to Wembley, all manner and shade of performers in their

LEEDS UNITED (4-4-2): J Luisc — G Kelly, O Wetherall, P Beesley, A Dorigo (sub: L Radebe, 18min) — R Wallace, C Paimer, G McAllester, B Deane — P Masanga (sub: T Broin, 85), A Yeboeh

BIRMINGHAM CITY (4-4-2): B Gremink— G Poole, A Edwards, M Johnson, C Whyle (sub: J Hunt, 60) — R Forsyth (sub: L Donous, 46), J Shesidan, I Richardson, J Fran — S Clendge, K Francis (sub: J Bouen, 60). Reteres: R Dilles

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Sky waiting to enhance World Cup ratings

FOR certain things — World Cup finals, the Australian Grand Prix and men walking on the moon - I am prepared to get up in the middle of the night. But for foreseeable fiascos ... quarter to seven seemed quite early enough.

As it happened, quarter to seven was probably the best time to catch BSkyB's live coverage of England versus South Africa yesterday. True, Gough had just been smacked for nine off an over and Fairbrother was about to demolish all three stumps with his head, but South African wickets were still falling. A few overs later, at 202 for eight, a celebratory cup of tea seemed in order.

By the end of the second cup. South Africa were all out and the satellite station's executives must have been rub-

bing their hands in anticipation of a ratings-enhancing upset. As you may have read on other pages, that air of optimism lasted precisely four balls. As Atherton trudged miserably back to the pavilion, the only consolation was that it was not Tony Greig commentating,

"A very bad start for England," Geoffrey Boycott said, with admirable restraint. But it was also yet another very bad start for those involved in televising the cricket World Cup, the coverage of which is in desperate need of something to rescue it from the wretched tedium imposed by the tournament's organisers. At the end of a week in which BSkyB announced the launch of pay per view, the big question is not whether £9.95

another formight to go before the tournament proper gets underway with the quarter-linals, the BBC must be delighted that it only shelled out for recorded highlights. Contrary to what you might expect, however, its satellite rival also has some grounds

no against Tyson, but how

much the channel should pay

its viewers for sitting through

live coverage of England ver-

sus Holland? With almost

for self-congratulation. To un-

derstand why, one needs a bit

of background. Despite all appearances to the contrary. the cricket World Cup is not a BSkyB production at all. The worldwide television rights for the tournament were acquired WorldTel, a Connecticutbased company run by the American-Indian entrepreneur, Mark Mascarenhas. This explains why play is occasionally interrupted by cutaway shots of happy sup-porters waving "WorldTel -

you are great" banners.

It also explains why the

MATTHEW BOND

TV ACTION REPLAY

In acquiring the British rights from WorldTel, BSkyB played a game of brinkmanship. Although it has not been disclosed what the satellite channel paid, the question is apparently not how much but how little. The fixture list was not a secret, after all. That said, however, whether the channel paid a small enough sum for a tournament that shows no signs of bursting into life remains to be seen. To provide the actual cover-

flighted name-checks.

mercial. American-style feel to

it. Cameras linger obligingly

on sponsors' logos, while com-

mentators deliver perfectly

of the tournament, WorldTel appointed Grand Slam Sports, a British company best known here for its coverage of snooker, boxing and football. But it has learnt fast about cricket - seconding a number of technical experts to its 250-strong production team from broadcasters around the world that are taking coverage of the

news for British viewers. The good news is that Greig ap-parently counts as an Australian, the bad news for supporters of Richie Benaud on this side of the world is that so does he.

Victorious Westner saves best for last WAYNE WESTNER; of South Africa, sank a fine ten-foot putt on the 18th green to win the FNB Players' Championship yesterday, but the final round in Durhan brought disappointment for Paul Eales, of England. Westner, with a total 270, held off an inspired challenge by

The 24-man commentary team has been assembled in similar vein. The game yesterday, for instance, was an allparty affair - with Boycott and Tony Lewis, of the BBC, joining up with Bob Willis, of Sky, and Robin Jackman and Mike Procter. The practice of matching commentators with countries is both good and bad

years when he triumphed in a three-way play-off for the Kenya Open Golf Championship against two other Britons, Robert Lee and Philip Harrison, in Nairobi yesterday.

Cup first for Ipswich

ireland, both posted 67s to share fourth place.

FOOTBALL: Ipswich Town are through to the semi-finals of the UK Living women's FA Cup for the first time in the club's ten-year history after a 2-1 victory over Whitehawk yesterday (Sarah Forde writes). Two goals in the first half, the first direct from a free kick by Ally Seymour and the other by the outstanding Kelly Stannard, were enough to see off the visiting team. off the visiting team.

José Coceres, of Argentina, whose inward 3i for a final round 65 whittled the South African's overnight six-shot

advantage down to a single stroke at the finish.

Eales, four shots behind Westner in second place at the

start of the day, struck his irons well but his birdie putts would not drop. He claimed third place, however, finishing

on 274. Ross McFarlane, of England, and David Feherty, of

Mike Miller, of Scotland, won his first tournament in 17

Jo Vermeer's goal in the 55th minute, flicked in at the near post from a low cross by Lisa Murray, signalled the start of a spirited second-half comeback by Whitehawk, and they went close several times, but the lack of clinical finishing and a sterling performance from Sarah Howard in the Ipswich goal denied them an equaliser.

Botha keeps IBF title

BOXING: Frans Botha, right, of South Africa, will be allowed to keep his International Boxing Federation (IBF) heavyweight title despite testing positive for steroids after his contest. with Axel Schulz in December. The IBF accepted that Botha took the drugs unwiflingly under prescription from a doctor. He was fixed a rematch with the German



Super League appeal

RUGBY LEAGUE: Super League in Australia is still planning to start on Friday, in spite of a court judgment in Sydney last week declaring it unlawful (Christopher Irvine writes). An appeal will be lodged today, while the Australian Rugby League is especied to apply for an injunction to prevent the breakaway league starting during the appeal procedure. Without its elster competition, the European Super League would be deprived of the climax of world club championship play-offs, while Great Britain's tour of Australia in the autumn would be put at serious risk.

Walking tall

ATHLETICS: Kerry Saxby-Jumns; of Australia, bettered her own world record for the women's five-kilometre walk by almost four seconds in Hobart yesterday. Saxby-Junna, 34, was timed at 20min 13.26sec, nearly four seconds faster than her previous record, set in Sydney over six years ago. She also improved on her 1990 mark a fortnight ago but the record was not sanctioned because the official timing equipment failed and only one accredited judge was at the meeting. She set a record-breaking pace from the start of yesterday's race and said afterwards: "I felt really good.".

England squeeze home

NETBALL: England, Winners a year ago over North-ern Ireland by almost 40 points, were pegged back to a ten-point, margin in the home international at the Mountbatten Centre, Portsmouth, on Samuday, winning 50-40. Flore Murtagh, right, captaining England for the first time, saw her side secure a 43-match unbeaten record against their



Opponents. Turnstile view, page 31



Gooding left trailing

REALTENNIS: The Hatfield professional, Mike Gooding. trails by three sets to one against the Australian Open champion, Frank Filippelli, after the first day of their best-of-13-set world championship eliminator in Melbourne (Sally Jones writes). The pair are playing off for the right to meet the former world champion, Wayne Davies, of Australia, in the final eliminator to determine who will challenge for Robert Fahey's world title. Filippelli made good early use of his home court advantage, hitting a string of winners.

Devils steal the points

ICE HOCKEY: On the penultimate weekend of the regular season, the strain at the top of the British league premier division began to show as Cardiff Devils suffered their first defeat in 19 games and Sheffield Steelers dropped a point at home for the first time. Cardiff lost 6-5 at Fife Flyers, whose winner was scored two minutes from time by Kevin St Jacques. At Sheffield, a late goal by Tim Cranston against Newcastle Warriors salvaged a 5-5 draw to put the home side four points ahead of Cardiff with three games to play.

Schofield departs leaving Leeds to ponder the future Injury kept Schofield out yesterday With Kemp coming off worse in a try-saving tackle

on Moana midway through

the first half. Holroyd, at

scrum half, had first Mann

then Cummins outside him

before Leeds rediscovered

Six of the seven Leeds tries

came down the right side of

John Bentley. The England

wing had successfully ap-

pealed against a suspension to

play but, short of waving

through the Leeds attackers. he could not have done his

former side more of a favour.

second-row capacity, was the powerful and slick handling

accompaniment to Kevin Iro.

who belied his two-month

absence with as subtle and

bewitching a display as the

New Zealand centre has con-

jured at Leeds. He created

three tries and claimed the

Iro is one of the few lumi-

naries left at Leeds, although

visitors' final one for himself.

The versatile Mann, in his

their initial rhythm.

represents good value for Bru-

BY CHRISTOPHER LEVINE

WITH Leeds on course for a third successive final appearance in rugby league's Silk Cut Challenge Cup, news of Garry Schofield's departure to Huddersfield has come at the worst possible time. Leeds grave worries at half back. Not only is Schofield on his way, after nine years at Headingley, but Tony Kemp broke his arm in yesterday's topsy-turvy, quarter-final vic-

tory at Thrum Hall. Schofield is to join the first division side today in an estimated £100,000 three-year deal. The former Great Britain captain, whose £155,000 move from Hull in 1987 was a British record, has championed too many Leeds causes for him to lose sleep about his decision, but his departure

TO SCORE six tries and fail

to reach the Challenge Cup

semi-finals spoke volumes for

Salford's stirring effort on

Saturday and the shifting

sands on which St Helens

continue to base their defence

of his admiration for St Hel-

ens' attacking qualities. There was no quibbling with these

at the Willows, in a 46-26

victory, but McRae confirmed

his wordes about his team's

defensive backbone after Sal-

ford, with the tie apparently

When appointed coach last

(Christopher Irvine writes).

month. Shaun McRae

Salford fall gallantly

through tries by McAvoy (2), Rogers and Panapa. Widnes, who dominated the knockout competitions of the 1970s, moved to within 80 minutes of Wembley when they outplayed their firstdivisions rivals, Hull, at The

win. Sonny Whakarau, the New Zealand forward, ended his career for Wakefield Trinity with three tries but could not prevent Bradford Bulls from advancing to the semi-finals for the first time in four years by a margin of 30-18.

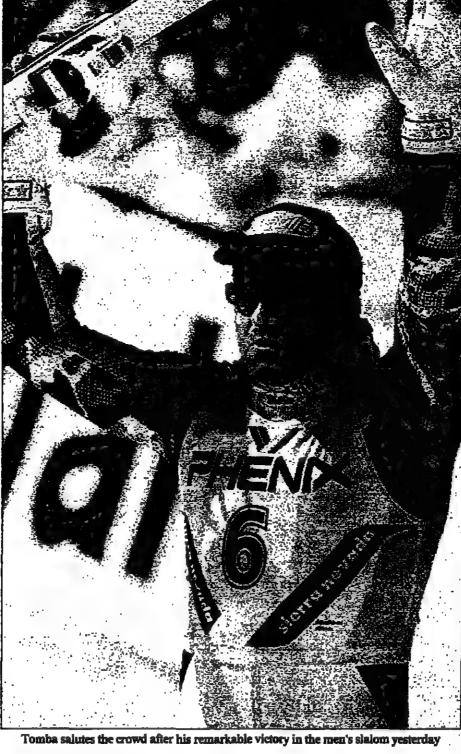
Hassan, scorer of a blistering 40-metre try down the right Shaw, the livewire hooker, and Morley, a fine link with Mann and Forshaw in the back row, ensure all is far

from gloom. Leeds began at a pace. before Kemp's exit wreaked organisational havoc. Iro shrugged off two tacklers to feed Cummins and got a sweet pass away to release Mann. Halifax, albeit hamstrung by Parker's poor kicking and Chester's nervousness outside him at half back, kept in touch with Schuster's three penalties and a good build-up to put

The brief excitement of Halifax drawing 12-12 at the break was dispelled in one interception pass by Cummins close to the Leeds line. Thereafter, it was one-way traffic. Gibbons scored the softest of tries, as the Halifax defence held off. before Hassan, Mann and Morley added others in the space of 13 minutes. Those by Amone and Highton were by way of consolation for the

Leeds will be hoping to get the second semi-final in tonight's draw, which would give them four weeks to deal with an injury list that now also includes Howard's frac-

tured rib. Hassan, Morley, Iro Goels: Hokoyd (3)
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Tomba on top of the world

By Our Sports Staff

ALBERTO TOMBA, jeered at the start and cheered at the finish, charged to victory in the men's slalom yesterday to add that title to the giant slalom he won on Friday at the Alpine skiing world champi-onships in Sierra Nevada,

The Italian, 29, who had never won a world championship race before, executed a perfect second run down the Neveros piste for a combined time of Imin 42.26sec. It was good enough to earn the fifth gold medal of his career. Mario Reiter, of Austria, won the silver medal, finishing 0.31sec behind Tomba, with Michael von Grünigen, of Switzerland, in third place in

lmin 42.8lsec. Tomba was only sixth after the first leg which was won, surprisingly, by Funn-Christian Jagge, the 1992 Olympic champion from Norway, who has been struggling with his form this season. Tomba, however, had a remarkable

second run down the 61-gate Before his arrival last week, Tomba had upset the Spanish skiing enthusiasts by report-edly comparing the Sierra Nevada resort to Morocco and

they greeted his departure from the start-but with whistles. As they saw his interme-

something special, the whistles were replaced by mountwhose victories helped Italy to finish at the top of the medals'

diate time, however, and realised they were witnessing

This is one of the best races have ever run," Tomba. table, said. "I was just going for a medal. To win two golds is beyond my wildest dreams."

but finished just out of the medal positions in fourth place, was happy to be on the podium at last. "After the fourth place in the combined, I was going for gold but I really can't complain about the silver." he said.

That second victory meant

he shared the title of best skier

at the championships with

Pernilla Wiberg, of Sweden,

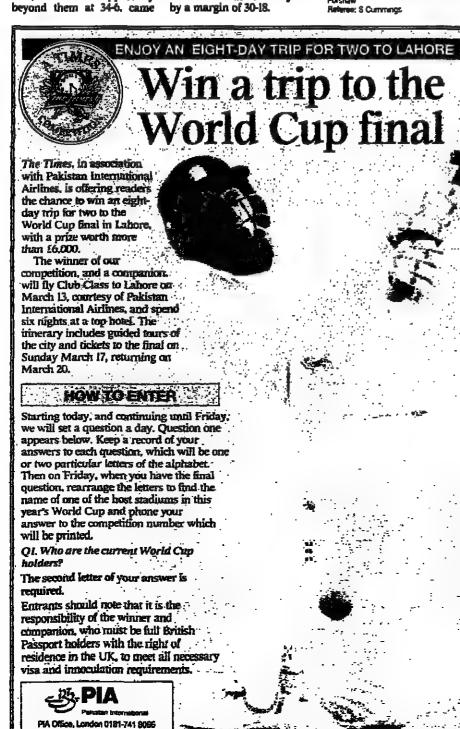
Reiter, who won the slalom

section of the combined event

who won two women's titles.

Von Grünigen, the bronze medal-winner, said he had merely been looking for a "good, solid [second] run", after finishing lifth in the first leg but had not succeeded. "With the mistake I made on the second run, I was locky to get the bronze," he admitted. "I have never skied so aggres-

sively in my life.
"I would normally prefer the gold but I'm happy with



Master Butler excels against the clock

GETHIN BUTLER opened cycling's new time-trials season yesterday in the manner he ended last year's programme: the master specialist against the clock on courses that demand as much technical skill from a rider as strength (Peter Bryan writes).

That combination again proved a winning one for Butler when he outpaced his rivals in the North Road CC 25-mile hard riders' event at Essendon, in Hertfordshire, to repeat his 1995 victory.

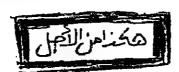
Butler, who is Britain's reigning best time-trial champion at 50 miles, 100 miles and 12 hours, started last of the 86 ;

dure a continuous downpour that flooded parts of the course to a depth of 12 inches. He finished in 58min 32sec, the third-fastest time for the

event, now in its 41st year, and a new course record. Butler's likeliest rival. Richard Preeble, suffered a puncture, and finished four

minutes behind the winner. Joe Doran, the Australian. was the closest challenger to Butler, recording the 2min 10sec to hold off Barry Charley by 20 seconds for the runnerup position.





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Failures of diplomacy add to recurring disappointments on the pitch

England heading for dishonourable exit

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT, IN RAWALPINDI

RAWALPINDI (South Africa won loss): South Africa (2pts) beat England by 78 runs

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ENGLAND are making such a poor impression on this World Cup that if it contained a healthily competitive format they would soon be heading home in shame. Instead, despite another lame batting display, another depressing defeat, they have a guaranteed quarter-final place and can cling to the nebulous prospect of a sudden transformation.

There were signs yesterday that aspects of England's game are improving and that it would not require a complete transformation for them to make further progress.
They bowled admirably to restrict South Africa to 230, and although their fielding offered comical moments, it was tidier than of late.

But then came the batting. So brittle, so inferior to at least four competing countries that optimism seems futile. Dennis Silk, the chairman of the Test and County Cricket Board and a travelling supporter of the team on tour this winter, chose Saturday to belabour the state of the English game. So, presumably, he was confident of the outcome yesterday. That England even came within telescopic range of the South Africa total was thanks only to some irrelevant hitting when from the depths of 99 for seven, the game had been irretrievably lost.

England were trounced by a team in a different league, and logic dictates that such form cannot be reversed in three weeks. If this is not sufficiently mortifying, England are compounding their position with some graceless off-field conduct. The events of recent years have given Pakistani people a profound suspicion of English cricketers and they are not revising their opinions.

Ran stopped play for 16 minutes at 133-3 (31.5 overs; Cuthren 31, Karls 15).
FALL OF WICKETS 1-55 (Orsan 21).
2-85 (Cronje 14). 3-88 (Cuthren 2), 4-137 (Kalls 18), 5-163 (Fibodes 15), 6-195 (McMillen 10), 7-199 (Policik 3), 8-202 (Policik 5), 9-213 (Mathrews 4).

202 (Polock 5), 9-213 (Matthews 4), 10-17; 8-0M-ING: Cork 19-0-36-2 (W 1; 1 four; 8-0-19-0, 2-0-7-1, 2-0-10-1); DeFreitas 10-0-35-1 (rib 1, w 1; 5 lours; 5-0-32-0, 5-0-22-1); Gough 10-0-48-2 (5 lours; 6-0-0, 2-0-1, 2-0-10-0, 2-0-13-3; W 3; 1 lour; 6-0-18-1, 2-0-9-0, 2-0-6-2); Amith 8-0-40-1 (2 lours; 5-0-25-0, 3-0-15-1); Thomps 2-0-17-0 (1 lour; one smeth).

C R Matthews not out

Extras (b 1, w 5, nb 1)

Total (50 overs, 203min)

ENGLAND

Already one set of officials has accused England of trying to bribe a groundsman and another set, on Saturday, of "barging" onto a wet ground to train and hampering mop-ping-up operations. England will take issue with the interpretations but perhaps they are not being sufficiently aware of local sensitivities.

They further weakened their case last night when Raymond Illingworth, the manager, falled to appear for the formal post-match media conference, and Michael Atherton, the captain, addressed a Pakistani journalist as "a buffoon". Atherton does not set



out to seek popularity, which is just as well. His own grim form - he was out to his fourth ball yesterday - is affecting him less than the plight of the team, but on a sub-continent that sets high store by dignity, he is losing respect. As for Illingworth, one can only assume he did not trust himself to speak after watching his side decline to an eighth defeat in nine one-day internationals against Testclass opposition.

South Africa had to make a late change when Allan Donaid reported sick but they bore his absence effortlessly. Fanie de Villiers, after a few stiff sighters, slotted back into a seam attack more miserly than any in the world. Comparing it with the zest and flair of the Pakistan bowlers when the teams meet in Karachi on Thursday will be a highlight of the cricket week.

England, for whom Robin Smith's calf strain reprieved

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13-0-6-2); McMillen 6-0-17-0 (1 four; 5-0-10-0, 1-0-7-0); Symcox 10-0-38-2 (1 gb;, 2 fours; one spell); Gronja 4-0-17-0 (1 four; one spell).

South Africa won by 78 rune. Man of the match: J N Rhodes,

Umpires: S.G.Randell (Australia) and 1D. Robinson (Distriction) Reserve umpire: K Perthesembly (India).

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Alec Stewart, had to bowl

while the day was drizzly and the ball frequently wet. It did not help them and specifically it hampered the spin of Neil Smith, but the seam bowlers compensated with their best spells of the competition. They did particularly well to recover-the ground lost in a hectic opening stand that brought South Africa 56 from 12 overs.

Steve Palframan is no stickler for the coaching manual but he was mightily effective yesterday, albeit after Domi-nic Cork had misjudged a skied chance to mid-wicket off DeFreitas. It was the advent of Peter Martin that broke the stand, and when Gary Kirsten underestimated the speed of Siewart at mid-on and Hansie Cronje fell to an outswinger from Darren Gough, South Africa were toiling at 88 for

Daryll Cullinan had begun to bet with ominious poise when rain forced the players off for 20 minutes. His rhythm lost, Cullinan drove over a slower ball from DeFreitas, and when Atherton recalled Cork to the attack, his second ball won a decision for a catch behind that plainly bewildered Kallis England were competing, at

least, and if their out-cricket was eccentric - Fairbrother at one point treading on the ball as he rushed in from cover and tumbling head first into the stumps - South Africa were being contained. Jonty Rhodes made a sprightly 37 from only 32 balls, but the innings ended with nine men in double figures and no one exceeding 38, which was either good teamwork or an under-

It did not take long, however, for South Africa to discover that they had made enty. Shaun Pollock found plenty. Snaun round Atherton, his feet static, thrust away from his body and was caught behind. It was correct that he should resume opening but it was alarming to see him fail again, adding to a sequence that has now brought him only 59 runs in his last eight international innings.

frings aren't going great for me'at the moment," he said later, but I feel all I need is one decent score. As a team. we are not batting with any players, Hick and Thorpe, are in any sort of form."

Hick, lasted only until the eighth over, whipping de Vil-liers straight to mid-wicket and with the predictable failure of Smith against this highquality bowling, England were soon 33 for three.

Stewart's efforts to retrench ended in farce as he failed to ground his bat while ambling a single and was thrown out by Symcox. Casual cricket, and indefensible. Symoon then took the ball, som his off breaks out of the left-hander's rough and dismissed Fairbrother and Thorpe. Up on the balcony, Illingworth sat alone and stoney-faced, a more eloquent expression of his mood than anything he might have

Buffoon row, page I



Decline and fall has Silk in despair

BY SIMON WILDE

ENGLAND'S critics have been vociferous and numerous in recent weeks as the national team lurched from one bewildering defeat to another, but few are so well qualified to do so -- or so sensitively placed — as Den-nis Silk, who chose to make his remarks on the eve of the latest heavy defeat at the Some may question the

hands of South Africa. timing of the criticisms attributed to the chairman of the Test and County Cricket Board but England's inept performance in Rawalpindi yesterday only seemed to con-

firm his worst fears. Silk made some frank observations about England's deteriorating position in the world

His criticisms are not new; neither are his proposed solutions - the establishment of a national academy, international players contracted to the board of control rather than the counties, and a more competitive domestic structure - but coming from him they ought to give rise to sober reflection among several county chief executives.

"I would think we might come about seventh in the rankings of international cricket," he said, "It was salutary to see how well Holland played against us [last week] and to think that, with their limited resources. they were not that far away in terms of performance."

Silk said he believes England's cricket is in danger of falling further behind that of other nations. "We have no batsman ranked in the world top five, no bowler in the top ten and we have no worldclass spinner." he said in the Mail on Sunday. "That is a worty when you consider we have the only fully profession-

al structure. "We used to have pairs of fast bowlers like Trueman and Statham, or more recentwould petrify opposing batsmen. Where are they now? And when was the last time we saw an 18-year-old playing Test cricket for England? There are those who say that it is all cyclical, that it'll be all right on the night. I simply

don't believe them." Silk, whose tenure as chair man will probably end with the formation of a new national cricket board this year, added: "If we are interested in England winning again, it is going to require a tremendous effort of will, where the total commitment of all the counties isn't just towards keeping

others. Through the day, he

wore a wide smile and, while it

can hardly be because he feels

his job is secure, the Pakistan

captaincy being the high-risk

zone of world cricket, it could

of 109 for nine from 33 overs

did not begin to extend Paki-

stan, despite their loss of

Aamir Sohail in the first over.

Pakistan won with 15 overs to

spare and might have done so even sooner. Today, they play

Holland and it is unlikely that

they will need to work notice-

ably harder, although their

captain said yesterday that

they would be taking nothing

"We are taking each match

for granted.

The Emirates' meagre score

well indicate his confidence.

Emergent Kenyans score freely in test of acceptance

Simon Wilde's WORLD. **CUP EXTRAS**

THERE is no doubt about which team has been the revelation of the World Cup. and if Kenya can beat Zimbabwe in Patna today they may take themselves a large step nearer to their ambition of becoming the next Test-play-

Kenya won praise for their enterprising cricket against India and Australia and they are committed to furthering their cause in their remaining

"We may lose all our matches but we want to go down with a fight," Maurice Odumbe, the Kenya captain, said yesterday. "It is imporinternational fold."

Hanumant Singh, the coach, was more specific, however. "We could become a Test team within five years. I expect in five years' time. Kenya will be able to compete

Kenya's hopes lie with the ebullient Africans who are now rivalling the influence in the team of the Indians, who took over the game in the post-colonial era. They have already shown what they can do in the field and with the bat but their bowling, if enthusiastic, remains raw.

The other problem is that, according to Peter Lever, the team's bowling coach, only about 300 native Kenyans play the game seriously. The country's 30 clubs have now started to sponsor school talent but the leading players may need to go overseas if they are to further their

Atherton's fall

What has happened to Michael Atherton's form with the bat? The man who, for two years, found the responsibility of the England captaincy a spur has seemingly started to find it a burden. Since the start of the year, he has accumulated only 187 runs in 12 innings for his country, including one contribution of 85. In both 1994 and 1995 he

batted for more than 60 hours and scored more than 1,000 runs in Test matches alone, and to that could be thrown in another 900 runs in one-day games. A sure sign of how egod his defence was during that period was that he was bowled only eight times in his 73 innings. This year, his stumps have been hit four

The star turn

After the drubbing of England yesterday, South Africa look ever more likely candidates to win the World Cup. They appear past masters of the one-day game, strong in batting, bowling and fielding. as belits a team that has now won eight successive matches in this form of the came. It is odd to remember, therefore, that only just over a year ago, plete one-day duffers after a string of ten defeats in a row. including two to England and the first six matches after Bob Woolmer's appointment as

Hostile witness

Shakoor Rana, Mike Gaiting's former sparring partner, has fanned the flames on his once warm relationship with all things English. Asked why Pakistan crowds

were hostile towards the England team at the World Cug, he explained that it was because of the "biased reports published in the British newspapers, which were filed by British media persons her: ... They find a ghost in everything - the air, the food, the hotels and also mock at our culture". With graphic finality, he added: "I will not even wrap a fish in those

Spinning tops

Mushtaq Ahmed's three wickets in Gujranwala on Saturday enabled him to become only the second leg spinner after his compatriot, Abdul Qadir, to claim 100 wickets in one-day internationals. Breathing down their necks are Anil Kumble (93 wickets) and Shane Warne (88 wickets). Mushtaq and Kumble are well behind on strike-rate. with Qadir taking his 132 wickets at one every 38 balls and Warne a formidable one every 33.

Indians anticipate a clash that will light up their lives

FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON IN BOMBAY

AUSTRALIA arrived in this teeming city late last night. with the giant floodlights at the Wankhede Stadium Illyminating the skyline. The money it cost to light up the midnight air could probably feed the poor souls who live under the lee of the ground for the rest of their wretched lives.

The day-night match be-tween Australia and India tomorrow is the first to be played under floodlights at the ground, and the higgest match so far in the World Cup. With South Africa, these are the teams most favoured to win it. and the fact that this encounter is taking place in Bombay. which likes to think of itself as a glamorous city. lends lustre not here) appears in one as a to the occasion.

There is no real need for any game here to be played under floodlights. As The Times of India pointed out yesterday: The country is blessed with natural light and good weather about nine months a year. For the Indian enthusiast everything else becomes secje ondary when a cricket match is on in any part of the country ... so floodlights are really not

necessary to attract spectators." Nevertheless, it will be a

last week as India beat West Indies in Gwalior. So when one refers to cricket fever, it is not idle talk. Indians respond to cricket in the way Italians celebrate football and the unaffected enthusiasm - so different from the hateful, selfadvertising behaviour of English football supporters, for instance — is a joy.

Everywhere, in the newspapers, on television, in the streets, in the very air itself, India is gripped by the World Cup. It is being used to sell everything, from high finance to chewing gum, although the television commercials are not very clever, and are often absurd. Dickie Bird (who is judge: Dominic Cork is in another as a gunslinger; Sachin Tendulkar, like the

poor, appears everywhere. Just why cricket holds this nation in thrall is not difficult to understand. If the Australians left their luxurious hotel, right by the Gateway of India. they could discover the reason for themselves within a minute, so convincing is the

evidence in this rambling, mephitic, ungovernable place. To the four-year-old urchins dramatic occasion, one greatly and the families who dine on the pavements, to the rogue More than 240 million travel agents and pedlars of people watched on television shoddy toys, to the drug

pushers and street musicians, to the crowds who gather outside hotels lobbies just to gawp at rich, white-skinned tourists, cricket is an instrument of fantasy. They hope their players will get the fingering right and make their burdensome lives a little more tolerable. Demand for the 35,000 tick-

ets is uncontainable, so there will be another huge television audience to watch Tendulkar bat against Shane Warne. Oddly enough, even in the roadside hovels that serve as homes, televisions flicker. Tomorrow the authorities are erecting big screens throughout Bombay to broadcast the match to a wider audience. Australia are down to 13

men after the return home of Craig McDermott, who has a calf injury. It was unclear yesterday whether they would request a replacement. Even-without McDermott, they had seven bowlers in the team in Vishakhapatnam, and there is back-up in Damien Fleming, the swing bowler who has taken a hat-trick in Test cricket, and Shane Lee, the New South Wales all-rounder.

The most sensible alternative appears to be Tim May, whose off spin is better suited to the slow pitches than the quicker bowlers.



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Pakistan appear united in defence of their title

FROM ALAN LEE no sign of it here. There was

high speed allied to late swing,

a combination far better bat-

ting teams than the Emirates

will be hard pressed to resist.

Behind him came Mushtaq

Ahmed, his googly proving

GUJRANWALA (Pakistan won toss): Pakistan (20ts) beat United Arab Emirates by nine

PAKISTAN have appointed a psychologist to help their de-fence of the World Cup. They call him their motivational manager and, to judge from their delayed debut in the competition on Saturday, he is doing his job well. Nasir Aziz has been lectur-

ing the players daily during their month-long training camp, and even allowing for the paucity of the opposition provided by the outclassed Emirates, this was an impressively united performance. Pakistan have two ways of playing, unstoppable and un-

speakable. And they showed them both by winning the last World Cup. They remain a highly-strung side, subject to animated divisions, and to observe them in a tournament such as this is to expect a soap opera full of drama and incident. But if their talent is focused, as at first sight it appears to be, there is no question they can win again. Much the most striking

by a back injury but there was

phase of Saturday's rain-FALL OF WICKET 1-7 shortened game was the newball bowling of Wagar Younis. His career has been hindered

unfathomable. Wasim Akram, the captain, was content to pull the strings and leave the starring roles to SCOREBOARD

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seriously, whether facing weak or strong opponents," Wasim said. The players have been told to maintain the same professional attitude they displayed against the UAE." Steven Lubbers, the Dutch

captain, who believes his team are getting better with each game, was full of praise for Hans Jornitsma, who has been helping with training and advice on nutrition. "Hans trained the Pakistan hockey team that won the World Cup in Australia. His experience of local conditions has been very valuable," Lubbers said.

United cut loose in warning to Newcastle

Manchester United 6

By PETER BALL

MANCHESTER UNITED did not so much beat Bolton Wanderers as totally destroy the bottom dub at Burnden Park yesterday, reducing Newcastle United's lead at the head of the FA Carling Premiership to four points.

Newcastle still have a game in hand, and Liverpool remain heavily involved, but the manner of yesterday's victory will chill hearts on both Tyneside and Merseyside. With the top two teams meeting at St James' Park next Monday, United could hardly have made their run into form at a better time. This was their eighth win in succession, and the outcome was never in

In front of Bolton's biggest crowd of the season, United

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killed the game and hushed the frantic crowd in the first 15 minutes, goals from Beckham and Bruce ending the match as a contest almost before it began. The four goals in the final 20 minutes, from Cole, Butt and two from the substitute, Scholes, were just a cruel reminder of the vast gap between the two sides.

This is like a cup final for us," Colin Todd, the Bolton manager. wrote in the programme. In fact, it was more like a third-round tie in which the giants refused to be killed, and instead revealed their vast superiority, neither the home side's commitment, a frenetic pace or a pitch littered with divots being able to bring

United down. Keane covered every inch of midfield. Butt was not far behind him and Beckham, who had come in for Sharpe, who has a back injury. marked his return to the side with a fine display. Cantons was able to stroll for 70 minutes before he was replaced, with telling effect, by Scholes.

Bolton offered endeavour. and some flickering runs by the clever Curcic. It never threatened to be enough. From the start, it was clear where the advantage lay. United might have scored in the first minute, and although Schmeichel had to make the first serious save a minute or so later to deny Curcic, it took United only five minutes to go in front.

Keane sent Giggs clear, and the Welshman lobbed the ball over Phillips before hitting a dipping volley over Branagan. The bar intervened to deny Giggs reward for a delightful piece of skill, but it did not deny United, Beckham arriving to head home the rebound

Another five minutes and Cole should have made it 2-0, but Branagan made a flying save to deny his header. The goalkeeper was less fortunate as Bruce met Beckham's corner to claim his first goal of the

That effectively was that, and United began to coast. Even so, Bolton showed few signs of being able to take advantage, and when they did get a sight of goal, Coleman, who had got free to meet Thompson's free kick, glanced

A goal then, just after the half-hour, might have made a game of it for a time, but it did not come, and when Sellars did get a shot on target, ten minutes after the interval. Schmeichel denied him with a diving save.

That was to be virtually Bolton's last serious attempt as United took advantage of the tiring opposition to ram home their superiority. McClair, who had replaced Giggs just before the hour, set up the third goal, his flick sending in Cole to beat Coleman and crash the ball in off the underside of the bar.

Two minutes later. Scholes appeared and Bolton's problems intensified. He might have scored with his first touch and did with virtually him and he cut inside Coleman to shoot home.

If that was not bad enough, Scholes struck again in another four minutes, although he looked well offside as he deflected McClair's shot past Branagan. But there were no such doubts about the sixth goal, Butt earning reward for a fine display with a splendid finish as Cole sent him in.

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Jess, one of Coventry City's two new signings, attempts to evade the attentions of Fleming at Highfield Road. Photograph: Ian Stewart

Stifled appeal brings Robson relief

f you hang around long enough in professional sport, duty may oblige you to try to take points off a man who was once your playing apprentice; for Ron Atkinson, the Coventry City manager, Saturday at Highfield Road against Bryan Robson, the boy he made into a footballing millionaire, could have been like robbing his own child.

For Robson, on the brink of Middlesbrough's worst losing sequence, was at the mercy of Coventry. who had just won their previous home game, arresting a run of eight winless matches. Alas, while it rained goals elsewhere in the FA Carling Premiership, Coventry was the place of drought. The pitch was lifeless, the game not very much more, and lack of confidence and key players suspenda moribund afternoon.

"I enjoyed it, every minute of it," Liam Daish, Coventry's debutant £1.5 million centre back, enthused. "When the gaffer [Atkinson] changed our formation to three at the back at halftime, it was the first time I'd ever been asked to play like that. But we kept a clean sheet - it's a good start for me."

A good start for him, perhaps. For Daish, purchased by Birmingham City for £50,000 two years ago, was stepping up to a level he had possibly thought had passed him by. "Don't come and be a fancy Dan, you're not good at that," Atkinson had bluntly told him. "Your mandate to the end of the season is to be mean, be aggressive, see off the forwards and help keep us in the Premiership."

Rob Hughes on how the Middlesbrough manager

proved his past master's equal in a goalless draw

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Inevitably, Daish was booked for illegal use of the elbows; inevitably, he stirred Jan Aage Fjortoft, like a moose being molested, so that Fjortoft, too, earned a yellow card. But Fjortoft, almost alone, tried on a handful of occasions to be the singular exception to this encounter, the one comnetitor determined to try to put the ball into

the net. What makes it all so depressing is that Coventry, on paper, are an attractive 'Atkinson

proposition. They should be considering that Atkinson has spent on refurbishment, including Daish and the other new player on Saturday, Eoin Jess, at £1.75 million from

Early on, Jess, struggling to cope with the pace and movement of the English game, aftempted an elegant pass; Mustoe read his mind, intercepted and then wheeled away from him with such aplomb that Jess must have wondered whether this, an ordinary English professional, was the norm down south. But, moments later, Jess enticed Whyte out to the left corner flag, twisted left and right and finally deceived his marker, producing an

exquisite cross that was ignored in the

penalty area. Then, when Jess un-veiled his potential with his best pass, the ball hit Noel Whelan on the shin, bounced into touch and mirrored the inefficiency of the day.

Meanwhile, Graham Kavana

22, a Dubliner standing in for Juninho, who is on Olympic qualifying duty with Brazil, had surpassed everything else by producing a rising that Ogrizovic athletically

med over the cross bar. Kavanagh, like others, betrayed his afternoon with a reckless elbow into the head of ing.
Atkinson fidgeted

and fiddled, changed his line-up, altered his tactics and still could not find the spark. His assistant, Gordon Strachan, on the touchline as vociferous as Robson, produced a reminder of what used to be. Two high-class

players venting their frustration from the dug-out at players not really in the of the season when his head is down.

Not even Barmby? He is at the time Possibly he is carrying injury. Possi-bly he felt, without Juninho and with Fjortoft single-minded to the point of selfishness, that his efforts were a waste of energy. But this is supposed

to be the inventive player ready to mudge aside Peter Beardsley in the English game. I think not, not yet.
The only time when Coventry showed any instinct to open up

Middlesbrough's five-man rearguard was when Noel Whelan rose above Phil Whelan, flicked the ball on intelligently with his head and stared in disbelief, no one, not Dublin or any other player in sky blue, had anticipated such a daring thing as an attack, no one had ploughed through the sand and mud to get into the danger area.

But there was enjoyment, Daish told us so. It was muscular, hard, dogged and it involved Daish whose new manager was pleased with his debut — and Fjortoft. The Norwegian stirred just before half-time. He produced a chip that cluded Ogrizovic. He then surged past Pickering, past Shaw, but Ogrizovic denied him.

The moose could charge again, but he could not score. No one could and, at the end, locked in private and animated conversation, Afkinson and Robson left the stage together, equals on the day, equal partners on a barren, afternoon that brought relief to Robson simply because his team; having equalled a 42-year club record of eight consecutive defeats, had been spared a ninth. A murky way to celebrate a clean sheet on a foul day.

COVENTRY CITY (4-4-2) S Optionic — A Plotering (autr. N Lampey, 78min), A Smer, L Deleth, D Burroes, — P Teller (autr. D Buest, 41), K Richertmon, E Jess, J Shako — N Whelen, D Dublin. MIDDLESPROUGH (5-3-1-1): G Walish — N Cox, D Whyte, S Viciena, P Whelen, C Fleming — J Policick, R Mustow, G Kawernegh — N Bernolsy — J A Florion, Peterens: P Dutkin,

Gullit and Le Tissier grace stage with fine distinction

Chelsea

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

WITH Matthew Le Tissier and Roud Gullit gracing the same stage, there was much bowing and scraping from the rival sets of supporters at The Dell on Saturday. Indeed, they were not worthy. Le Tissier ambled about in his usual languid style, at times bumbling, at times bewitching: Gullit strolled and patrolled in his usual forceful fashion. always alert, always willing.

A contrast of sorts. Between a player burdened with ethereal. magical qualities who is destined, apparently, never to unveil them in front of a global audience, and a player that has been there, seen it, done it yet is still prepared to carry on cruising and caressing into his twilight years. It was not be Tissier v Gullit, a confrontation; more Le Tissier v Gullit, an appreciation. Nobody left disappointed.

Dave Merrington, long since tired of extolling the virtues of Le Tissier. He is fed up, too, with offering a defence as Terry Venables, the England coach, continues to ig-nore his maverick. Words have become useless. Thus, Merringion issued a terse "no comment" when asked of Le Tissier's often-illuminating contribution to an FA Carling Premiership encounter of immense enjoyment.

He was more expressive. however, when asked about Gullit, whose direct 70-yard run, exchange of passes with Hughes and clipped finish, in the 54th minute, decided the destination of the three points: It was only his third goal, and his second against Southampton, since leaving Italy during the summer.

"I admire him so much." Merrington said. He is so uncomplicated, he keeps his game so simple, there is so



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Gullit: forceful

He's got God-given talent but he uses it so well." Glenn Hoddle, the Chelses manager, kept his songs of praise low-key but Gullit's offthe pitch skills are as eloquent, elegant and elusive as they are on it. When led into the inevitable yet potentially precarious comparison with Le Tissier, he said: "He is very important for their team. They give him every ball and he is

always looking for the right pass. It is not always easy." When questioned on the work ethic, not Le Tissier's most notable trait, he said: Without it, you can't achieve: anything. If you are considered the best, you have to show it. You have to work harder than the rest, set a. good example. It is expected of you. I was raised like this." He then added, with a wry grin: "I hope you don't compare this with Le Tissier. I'm talking about me not him. I get this straight. OK?"

Guilit's multilingual talents allow no room for scurrilous misinterpretation; not dissimilar in delivery to his superbly: stroked pass that lured Monkou into fouling Wise in the 22nd minute, which gave Wise his second goal, from a penalty, to add to his earlier. swerving effort from 25 yards. Southampton had gone ahead through Widdrington's deflected drive and equalised, seven minutes before the interval, when Hughes inadvertently backsided the ball over the line after a free kick by Le.

Tissier. Cheisea were a shade fortunate. Had Hitchcock not made. seven saves, ranging from competent to crucial, and had Le Tissier not missed fractionally with several audacious attempts, a share of eight or even ten goals could have been possible. The supporters still got it right; they bowed to those bestowed of brilliance. Le Tissier and Gullit.

SOUTHAMPTON (4-4-2): D Beasant — J Dodd, R Hall, K Monkou, S Charlion — Mrs. Tasser, J Maglion, T Widdengton, M Waters (sub: B Ventson; 75min) — G Watson, N Sripportor, 75mm) — S Watson, N Sripportor, CHELSEA (3-4-2-1); K. Hitchcock — M Duberry (sub: E. Johnsen, 72), D Lee, S Carke — D Petrescu, R Guild, N Spectman (sub: J Spencas, 81), T Philips, — D Wise, G Peccock — M Hughes.

Flowers wilts as Collymore collaborates with pivotal divot



Flowers: bizarre goal

Liverpool

BY ANDREW LONGMORE

POOR Tim Flowers. If he makes a thousand flying saves over the next ten years, performs miracles of acrobatics on Blackburn's behalf, his name will forever be linked to the afternoon of Saturday. February 24, 1996, and the moment of that bizarre goal. You can tell how bizarre it

was. Stan Collymore apologised for scoring. Usually, ble or own goal with a zeal which suggests it was all part of a fiendish master plan. Collymore just shrugged his mighty shoulders. Alongside goal No 12 in the record books

there should be an asterisk and the disclaimer "assist:

divot".

Flowers might be a little more careful in marking out his goal area in future because the ball deflected off his own stud marks, but even the Liverpool supporters behind his goal could muster only a half-hearted cheer when the Blackburn goalkeeper stopped the next back-pass. Everyone was thankful it was not them.

The irony was that of all the many shots by Collymore, the dribbling left-footer, topped like a golfer's drive, which hopped as if radar-controlled over Flowers's right shoulder. was by far the most pathetic. The next, a perfectly placed right-foot free kick, skimmed. past Flowers's left hand to give Liverpool a 2-0 lead, and two further pot-shots in the second half produced flying saves. "It was no problem, really,"

the Blackburn manager, Ray Harford, said with breathtaking nonchalance. "We kept him at long range." Heaven help Blackburn if he had come within shooting distance. Otherwise, as Harford stressed, it was a game of two

styles. Blackburn pass too little, Liverpool pass too much. Given that there was a conservative 520 million worth of striking talent on show in Fowler. Collymore and Shearer, and five goals in the match, there was a scarcity of chances, which reflected poorly on the creative capacity of the supporting cast. Shearer's extraordinary sequence of scoring in every home Premiership game this season

pardy by the defensive qualities of Scales and Wright, partly by the inability of Ripley and Wilcox to get behind the Liverpool wing backs, though the latter did mark his return with a flashing header just before half-time to bring Blackburn back into the game.

When Ripley retired early in the second half with a recur-rence of a hamstring injury and Wilcox, playing his first game at Ewood Park for nine months after tearing a cruciate lipament, tired, he was reduced to foraging for himself. One header (over the bar) and a shot (just wide) was the sum of his striking contribution. Collymore won the game within a game quite handsomely, and while evidence that he

Shearer as the leader of the England line for the European championship is incomplete, the prospect of him coming off the bench to flex his right foot is too tantalising to ignore.
Twice in the second half, he

drifted out deep on the left wing, picked up the ball and ran diagonally, at full tilt, straight at goal. Just a little jink to the right or left and he has sight of goal. Space would be at a premium on the international stage, but Collymore at high speed would be a terrifying sight for more cultured defenders than Hendry, if he was not subject to the somnolent tendency which affects the whole team from time to time, there would be no limit to his potential. The lack of professionalism

very unLiverpool. Evans's point was that at 2-0 and 3-1 ahead, the third courtesy of a cross-shot by Thomas which ballooned off Flowers and past Hendry, his side should not have had to scramble so desperately to safeguard victory after Sherwood had reduced the deficit five minutes from time. "We used to be masters at keeping the ball when we had the advantage." he said. "But the win keeps us in touch."

manager, Roy Evans. "A few

careless things," he said, but

In COULD' HOVERS M + 2: I Power H Berg, C Coleman, C Hendry, J Kerna - S Rickey (sub: P Washuss, Schmin, T Shennood, W McKinley (sub: N Gudmund-sean, 74) — A Shearer, K Gallacher, LVERPOOL (34-1-2): D Jemes — McMeer, M Thomas, J Bernes, R Jones — S McMaranner, — S Collymore, R Fowler,

Bury set sights on former glories

Cambridge United2

By Ivo Tennant

BEFORE the two great Manchester rivals came to prominence, there was another club to be reckoned with in the metropolitan area. In four seasons, Bury won the FA Cup twice, an achievement of some magnitude then, as now. Further

success should have ensued. Ninety-three years on, although it cannot be said that they languish in the Endsleigh Insurance League third division - not when they win 4-2 after being two goals down away from home - the truth is that, since 1903, theirs has been a feckless

This, though, is a club prepared to spend £2 million on ground improvements and, last month,

£100,000 on one forward, Maithews. Contrast this with the difficulties Cambridge United have in convincing academics as well as visitors that football is played in their city at all.

Winning the FA Cup again is, of course, no more than a pipedream. Yet, the infrastructure is in place for some sort of success, as are the players necessary to gain promotion. When they win, they do so in style, often scoring four goals or, as against Lincoln City last week.

in the third division, managers as well as players come and go. Mostly they seem to go. Earlier this season, Bury "parted company" with Mike Walsh. They replaced him with Stan Ternent, who served as assistant to lan Porterfield and Steve Coppell at Cheisea and Crystal Palace respec-

tively in the past. At half-time. Bury were 2-1 down. Cambridge's first goal, scored by Middleton, had come about through an awful backpass by Brimson, the left back, who, having not played since December, was evidently not match fit. At half-time. Ternent brought on Johnson, a forward, in his place.

What Bury lacked in defence, they now gained in attack. Johnson scored the equaliser 11 minutes into the second half. Bury's third was the result of a terrific free kick by Pugh. and Carter sealed the outcome by scoring in the penultimate minute. Eighth in the table, Bury will be delighted to reach Wembley - if

only in the play-offs.

CAMBRIDGE UNITED (4-4-2): M Daves — C Vouden, L Paires, J Credecch, D Grahville — M Kyd (sub: T Bernamin, 50mm), A Jethey, M Joseph, P Raynor — C Middlelan, D Polinison (sub: R Stock, 78).

BURY (4-4-2): G Kelly — D West C Lucket, M Jackson, S Brison (sub: O Johnson, 48) — 7 Sycby (sub: N Red, 37), N Daves, L Johnson, D Pugh — R Matrices, M Catter, M Cat

Durable Derby live on their nerves own. Add to that the levelling effect into the far corner. Gabbiadini, the

Derby County Portsmouth ...

BY NICK SZCZEPANIK

THE nerves jangled for 70 minutes at the Baseball Ground on Saturday but, by the final whistle, Derby County, with more than a little help from their supporters, had achieved a deserved victory against Portsmouth. In so doing, they extended both their unbeaten run and their lead at the top of the Endsleigh Insurance League first division but it was never easy.

With the crowd in danger of communicating their unease to the players after a frustrating midweek draw at home to Luton Town. Derby would probably not have chosen to meet Portsmouth, the previous club of their manager. Jim Smith, and on a good run of their of a mud-heap of a pitch, and the ingredients for an upset were in

The eighteenth minute set the tone. Sturridge was put clear to roars of anticipation, but by the time he had ploughed through to within sight of goal, the cheers had died away, along with his confidence, and he ran the ball past a post.

On the hour. Portsmouth scored, almost inevitably, with their first attack. Burton stabbed the ball low across goal for Hall, in splendid isolation, to shoot into the roof of the net. Simple, apparently. The Derby crowd, to their credit,

however, got noisily behind their team and the players responded. In the 71st minute, Yates's header from Simpson's corner kick looped past Knight and, within five minutes. Sturridge had turned on to Van der Laan's through pass to shoot low

substitute, gave Derby breathing space when he headed in another. corner by Simpson, but some pointless shirt-pulling offered Portsmouth a late penalty, converted by McLoughlin, and Smith was relieved to hear the final whistle

When you've gone 16 games unbeaten, you know you're going to lose one," he said. Derby, however, are nothing if not resilient, collectively and individually. That's eight times we've been behind and eight times we've come back to win or draw," Smith recalled.

DERBY COUNTY (3-4-3). R Hoult -- D Yates, G Rowett, D Wasself -- S Flynn, R van der Laan (sub; G Hodgos, 89mm), D Powell, C Powell (sub; M Gebbiadini, 69) -- R Willers, D Surndge, P Surnsean PORTSMOUTH (4-1-4-1), A Knight — R Pethick, A Thomson, G Busiers, A Awtord — M Alien (subt. C Griffits, 80 — A McLoughtn, P Hall, J Center (sub. J Durnin, 7-1), P Wood — D Button,

Taylor's return, page 29

Keegan uncomfortable after Colombian seeks elbow room

Asprilla the focus of ifs and butts

By ALYSON RUDD

HE CANNOT dains he was not warned. Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle United manager, signed Faustino Asprilla in spite of the doubts, the controversy over his temperament and off-pitch antics. Parma were notably keen to offload the Colombian who has been connected with arms and mysterious midnight injuries.

Keegan was more interested in Asprilla's footballing talent, yet after only three appearances in a Newcastle shirt, the E6.7 million signing has man-aged to upstage one of the most glorious FA Carling Premiership matches of the season by first elbowing Keith Curle, the Manchester City defender, in the face, and then appearing to built the same player as the match ended.

The Football Association confirmed quickly that it would be studying television footage of the game and can be expected to deal firmly with such violent conduct. It is true, Curle paid Asprilla close attention throughout the match. and the City captain's dramatic reaction to the butt, the less violent incident, will also require an assessment from the

It is also true that the attention devoted to the elbow of a celebrated Colombian signing will always be of a greater magnitude than that evoted to a home-grown, little-known talent. However, this incident cannot be dismissed as a checky character flaw or an innate problem with the Colombian temp-

"He's from Barcelona," Basil Fawity would say firmly as Manuel flew head first into a ... wall. "He's Latin, he's from Latin America and that's the way they are. Keegan said immediately after the match.

"I like the way he plays, I'm more interested in talking about the way he plays. There's always going to be-little side events. Now that Keegan has studied footage of the incident, he may prefer to

Asprilla did play well. He three equalisers, delivering the perfect cross over the head shot had been partied by Immel. But he was just one of a host of foreign signings playing as if this match, and this match alone, would de-



The linesman steps in as Curle, the Manchester City captain, recoils after being butted by Asprilla soon after the final whistle sunburst has a smudge on it.

An inspired performance

earned them only one point in their battle against relegation but handed their rivals.

Manchester United, two as

they attempt to catch

their vital trip to St James

In David Batty, signed from

Blackburn Rovers, Keegan

may well have found the

aggressive holding player he

needs to plug the gaps that such am adventurous side

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Kinkladze was the outstanding talent on Saturday. He found the space and, no matter where on the pitch it was, he danced through it with back-heels, drag-backs, dainty but pacey zig-zag runs past one, two, three, even four Newcastle shirts, and beautifully-weighted passes. The Georgia international set up City's second goal. Curle spied him in space on the left and. after his shot rebounded to his leet, he crossed for Qubin, shows it me. Kregan said of who headed past Smicek, the video, then I'll see a the Kinkladze almost helped to same as everyone else."

open the delence when City. took the lead for the third time

created the first of Newcastle's through Rosler. Ginola, too, was impressive. He strong together a sequence of Symons for Albert, and of precise strokes and movescored himself after Albert's ments like an impressionist painter. But it was Albert, the Belgian defender, who ensured Newcastle remained in the match. He made one goal and scored twice, his second.

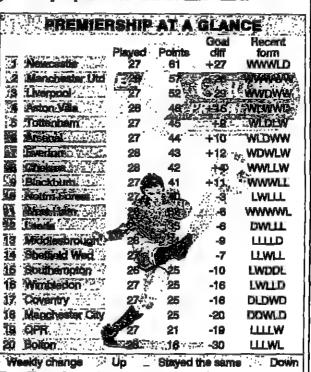
eight minutes from the end, a clinical shot that left Immel, partly unsighted, motionless. Keegan described Albert as "majestic" but the Newcastle manager probably would not want him to overdo the regal. The Premiership leaders were occasionally disorganised at the back. They needed Albert in City's half, but they also needed him back in the threeman central defence.

Beresford and Barton gambled on a forward run every time, leaving Peacock and Howey exposed whenever Albert, too, ventured upfield. Hiley, making his debut for Alan Ball's side, having been signed on loan from Birmingham City, took hold of the left flank as if he had played for City all his life and, in the fifteenth minute, beat Asprilla, then Barton, then Peacock to set up Clough, who gave the home side their opening goal when his shot was deflected in by Quinn. Pity City, for their every

leaves. Keegan is like an overzealous cook, adding one spice to counter another in his melting pot of talent. Whether

or not Batty's own brand of commitment balances Newcastle's cosmopolitari flair might decide the Premiership. MANCHESTER CITY (4-3-1-2): È Immel — N Summeroes, K Curle, K Symons, S Hiley — S Lormes, N Clough, M Brown — G Kinitazize — N Cuinn, U Résier

NEWCASTLE UNITED (5-2-1): P Smicek
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Joachim struck by generosity of Wimbledon

Aston Villa

By DAVID MILLER

IF Julian Joachim, signed from Leicester City, had been less anxious to become a star in his first five minutes on the field for Aston Villa, they might have held on to a winning lead and remained the steadiest of away teams in the FA Carling Premiership. However, his extravagance in injury time at one end helped Wimbledon to snatch a draw at the other.

Long ago, the famed Jimmy McIlroy, of Northern Ireland and Burnley, secured the League title in the final match at Maine Road - where Burnley had to draw with Manchester City to stay ahead of Wolverhampton Wanderers - by spending much of the last five minutes dribbling in figures of eight near one of the corner flags. Stan Cullis, I recall, sat in the front row of

the directors' box crunching

his hat in anguish. With a 3-2 lead at Selhurst Park, Joachim, brought on as substitute in the 85th minute for Milosevic, was hell-bent on making it 4-2. Single-handed. He succeeded only in wasting possession in vain dribbling. Wimbledon counter-attacked. Cunningham, their right back, centred, and the veteran, Harford, lucky still to be on the pitch after a booking and continuous argument with referee and linesman, headed the equalising goal from close

range.
Villa, buoyant and confident after reaching the Coca-Cola Cup final, might complain about a goal scored in the third minute of additional time when there had been no injury delays, but they could hardly complain on moral grounds. Their scoring had come courtesy of two own goals and a clumsily conceded

penalty. Wimbledon had tried, and succeeded, to justify their arch nickname of "Crazy Gang". Well might Joe Kinnear, their manager, lament: "We scored five ... and took one point."
It has to be said that everything, not merely Wim-

bledon's generosity, favoured Villa. Except, that is, the pitch. The surface cut up horribly pebble beach. This frustratingly impeded Villa's intelligent inter-passing, which originates from Charles and Wright on the flanks of midfield and revolves around the fulcrum of Milosevic, the most constructive target man in the

Wimbledon, as is their

wont, thumped everything ball and opponent. The ineffatute for Gayle a quarter of an hour from the end, and verbally thumped the referee and linesman, in harmony with Harford. Wimbledon can be inelegant in a variety of ways... They were handicapped by the suspension — whose fault? —. of Holdsworth, their leading scorer, and Perry from defence, and by injury to Ekoku. Leonhardsen and Earle tried hard to bring coherence to their midfield.

Yet Villa also had the edge in the tactical arithmetic. Although Wimbledon chose to play three against three up front - Gayle, Goodman and Clarke versus Ehiogu, Southgate and Staunton - Villa's five in midfield mostly had the edge and, therefore, more of the ball.

Villa had forced four successive corners before the twelfth minute. A weak goal. kick by Bosnich, however, flew straight to Clarke 30 yards out. His immediate pass to Leonhardsen produced a parried shot from which

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Goodman put the ball in the

For the next half-hour the play was almost wholly in Wimbledon's half of the field, clearly illustrated by the ploughed turf. Yet Villa equalised only when Reeves achieved an own goal of such spectacular precision, volleying home a low cross from Townsend, that it will remain in the archives for years to come. Villa continued to attack without break but without

In the first four minutes of the second half. Wimbledon took the lead again but immediately threw it away. Goodman scored his second from Kimble's corner, but at the other end the juckless Reeves brought down Yorke, who scored from the penalty spot.

Ten minutes later, a nonetoo-dangerous cross from Yorke was prodded inexplicably by Cunningham into his own net and Villa seemed destined to conclude a highly successful week. Until, that Joachim also decided to join the handouts.

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Everton punish listless Forest

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BY MARK HODKINSON

THE purist will have armicipated this encounter with the same verve as a midwinter swim just off the coast 'at Milford Haven. Everton's industrious pugs snapping at the feet of Nottingham Forest's drilled journeymen was, indeed, set for the doldrums until the home side hit a slick of goals to create a scoreline ihat flattered all concerned. "It was a strange atmo-

sphere in the first half, almost funereal," . Joe Royle, the Everion manager, said. "I suppose it was to be expected coming after our Cup defeat at Vale and losing at Manchester United in midweek. It was grey, played on a sticky, dead pitch. It was a sticky, dead game, in fact."

Forest, always more concerned to thwart Eventon's strength rather than emphasise their own, resolved to squeeze out Kanchelskis. The logic was obvious - starve Ferguson of essential service. Unfortunately for Forest, Ferguson was willing to find the ball himself and he often threaded intelligent passes through to his diminutive

accomplice, Stuart. Any menace Forest might have posed to Everion's defence was nullified when Roy limped out of a tackle by Watson after just ten minutes. Thereafter, Roy nonchalantly drifted out of the game, his indifference a fitting symbol of

Forest's timorous approach. The first half was played at breathless pace with pre-cious little incident apart from a powerful shot by Parkinson over the Forest crossbar and an overhead kick by Ferguson.
The half-time whistle and a cup of tea was sweet salvation. a welcome break from futile

industry, and a chance to read the match programme. It carried a feature on an Everton. and Forest old boy. Duncan McKenzie, a player whose trickery and charisma had pierced the gloom of many leaden football games played

ing of a Duncan past when goal-dust was aprupuy span-kled onto the match before weaker left foot and slammed the ball past Crossley.

apparently without the proficiency or will to change their game plan. Hinchcliffe sent over one of his kerosenefuelled corners and Watson, probably for his own wellbeing, decided to give it just a faint glance with his

Ferguson, joined the party by bravely heading in a cross by Kanchelskis. All three goals had come within just eight minutes and there was suddenly no call for nostalgia. Frank Clark, the Forest

for their part, have done just

EVERTON (4-8-3): N Southell — J O'Cor-nor, D Watson, D Unsworth, A Hinchoffle.— J Dobell, A Gazet, J Parkinson — A Kencholskis, D Ferguson (subx D Amokacha, 68mm), G Suart. Amokach, Ganny, G Salam, Mottinoida, Ganda, Gonesia, Forest (4-4-2): Motorsky — Siphilips, S Cherlie, C Choper, D Lytis— C Bart-Williams, I Woan (succ A I Haniand, 77). S Gentmill, S Stone — K Campbell, B*Rby

Returne: K Cooper (Porsypridd).

beside the Mersey. The opening to the second period was dour and Everton's supporters were still dreamal-dust was abruptly sprinthem. Ebbrell swept a marvellous pass to Kanchelskis. He cut inside on to his supposedly

Forest hardly responded. forehead into the net.

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manager, did not try to excuse his side's dire performance. "We got what we deserved nothing. Once the first goal went in, there was only going to be one winner," he said. "One or two of my players have stopped doing things that made them good in the first place. There is no magic wand. We have to work hard and turn it around." Everton,

Francis triumphs in battle of master tacticians half tactics of playing five in defence asking for trouble. I like to try to run

Sheffield Wednesday.....

BY OUVER HOUT

THE players of the great Tottenham Hotspur teams of the 1960s, Gerry Francis said, had enough time to have three cups of tea and make a boiled egg before anyone appeared to close them down. The Tottenham manager never drew a direct comparison with his side's performance against Sheffield Wednesday but the point was clear: if there was a Big Mac sitting in the White Hart Lane centre circle on Saturday, no one could have snatched a bite. Francis laid the blame for the diet of fast-food football squarely at

Wednesday's door, citing their first-

now, too," he added. "Diamonds, Christmas trees, wing backs, split forwards. You name it, we've got it." At times, his post-match comments eerned like a lament for a golden age of simplicity and tactical naivety, a

and pushing up almost to the

wasteland. There are more systems

halfway line at every opportunity, turning midfield into a creative

time when wingers could beat one man and be free. At others, he almost lost himself in a reverie of tactical jousting with one of the acknowledged masters, David Pleat, the Wednesday manager, happy to explain how the opposition's tactics had brought about their own downfall. If you are going to play that far up against somebody of Chris Armstrong's pace," Francis said, "you are

80 per cent of our attacks through our wingers but there is no point playing in front of a back five. You have to get behind them."

Armstrong was, indeed, the difference between the teams, stretching the visitors with his searing runs while Hirst, in the Wednesday attack, lumbered painfully in comparison. In the 32nd minute, Armstrong ran on to the impeccable Wilson's long ball out of defence over the top of the opposing back five, checked back as Nicol came across to cover, then unleashed a shot from the edge of the area that dipped over Woods and into Tottenham should have had more

in a second half when the introduction of Waddle injected a little flair into the match. Armstrong had

Woods, Sinton, playing with verve against his old club, had a long-range effort tipped over, and Rosenthal, that fine misser of easy chances, headed wide from Wilson's cross with the goal at his mercy.

All that was left was for Pleat to do his turn, pleased to be in the spotlight again at the club that provided him with his biggest stage. He played the part of the nervy manager to an articulate, comic, self-knowing T. When somebody asked him if he was worried about Wednesday's recent slide towards the relegation area, he launched into a passionate defence of his side's performance. "It was a simple game and all we needed was a simple chance," he said, ending, "Don't overworry for me." He said his tactical change at half-

the ineffective Degryse and played him behind the front two, was "not clever but not stupid either", and also identified Armstrong as his undoing. "He stretched us," he said. "Fox can diddle you and doodle you but he does not get behind you."
Finally, he was asked if he had any

sympathy for the 500 Belgians who had made the trip across the Channel to see Degryse's abridged performance. "If there had been 500 Poles there. I would have done the same

thing, " he said.

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Hartson rapidly cuts off West Ham's overseas aid

mammal called the banded mongoose that lives in ferocious, tightly-knit little clans. They are crazily territorial, and will unhesitatingly engage in battle every rival band they encounter. How, then, do they avoid the perils of inbreeding, sterility,

inevitable weakening? Simple. Round the fringes of battle, males and females of opposing sides form brief but desperately sincere alliances. Exogamy is the term for it the drive to form alliances outside one's own kind. It is a primeval instinct. It is also a theme of English literature throughout the ages: Romeo and Juliet, Lady Chatterley and the gamekeeper.

And now, rather belatedly, it is happening in the isola-tionist world of football. As a result, the FA Carling Pre-miership is infused with hybrid vigour. Odd that West Ham United should be in the forefront of the movement. This is a club that for years has shown to outsiders the open-hearted welcome of a Masonic lodge. But these days there are

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the West Ham squad, six of them in the team for the match against Arsenal on Saturday (Bilic, the Croatian, was injured). Today, they should hear whether or not they have been successful in winning a work permit for a player from an eighth nation, this being the Romanian, Dumitrescu. English football is still

racked by protectionism. The

Professional Footballers' Association is desperate to safeguard jobs for the boys. But at the same time, English football is filled with a desperate longing for cash. Lower clubs want absolutely colossal sums of money when they sell their best home-grown talent to the big clubs. It is a matter of inevitability rather than choice that Premiership clubs turn their eyes overseas. The big clubs do it from choice, the smaller ones through financial necessity

Harry Redknapp, the West Ham manager, boasted after the same on Saturday that his entire squad cost less than £3 million. An ingenious system of loans (the American, the

The Premiership is now a league of nations.

Simon Barnes saw its impact at Upton Park

Dane, the Czech) forms the basis of a side that has been collecting some decent results. Arsenal are another club more renowned for the homely than the outlandish. But not even they have been immune

Portuguese) and bargains (the to the trend towards exogamy. Instincts in the past have led Arsenal to consider the odd Nordic player the most dazzling exoticism. But in the close season, they bought the Dutchman, Bergkamp, for



Merson, left, and Hartson celebrate after combining to give Arsenal the lead. Photograph: Darren Walsh

"If the foreigners" good babits rub off. It must be beneficial," Redknapp said. Mind you, he said that before this game, which was a belter. But West Ham lost it 1-0. The goal came after 75 seconds, thanks to a dreadful error from West Ham's American, Harkes. Merson buzzed in on his poorly-hit back-pass, belted past Potts and fed Hartson, who tapped in as straightforward a goal as a forward can be asked to complete.

The other hero of the match was a man as English as the mud that was so much a feature of the game. Seaman, the Arsenal goalkeeper, saved a penalty from Dicks. Harkes, with the chance to amend at his feet, struck the rebound goalwards, and Seaman caught it neatly.

And the rain fell and the pitch turned into Plasticine, and Redknapp brought on his Portuguese. This is Dani da Cruz Carvalho, who plays under the nom de guerre of Dani. About the gates of West Ham's ground before the match were posters of Dani: a 19-year-old looking smoulderingly at the camera. He

Sharks in West Side Story. Alas, his appearance on Saturday was one of those comic vignettes of the foreign footballer in England. He would run into space

and call; meanwhile, the ball would be chipped over the top for Cottee to chase, or chipped over the top for Dowie to jump for. All the same, Dani all but saved the day as West Ham besieged Arsenal: throughout the second half... His cross, flicked on by Cottee, was headed in by the raw-boned Dowie, but the linesman decided he was offside. Redknapp, you will be shocked to learn, thought this was an incorrect decisison.

But that's football, son, as they no doubt say in Lisbon. Prague, Copenhagen, Split, Los Angeles, Belfast, and the East End of London. What is the Romanian for "lucky

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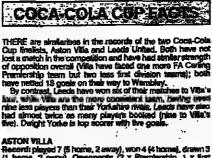
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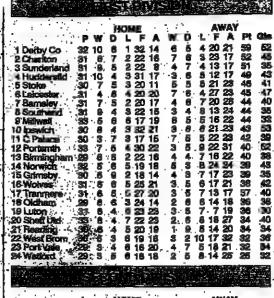
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POOLS CHECK

Laudrup's loyalty bonus lifts Rangers

IN AN era when players seek regular and lucrative transfers, acts of loyalty cry out for an explanation. After months of speculation that he yearned to return to a more cosmopolitan environment. Brian Laudrup announced ten days ago that he would actually extend his contract with Rangers until 1998. His side's significant 1-0 victory over Aberdeen at Pittodrie yester-

day provided an opportunity to ponder his fidelity. It may just be that the Dane appreciates being at a club where he is so greatly needed. Laudrup stands at the very heart of all Rangers' ambi-tions and this win, which re-establishes a three-point lead over Celtic in the Bell's Scottish League premier division, was the product of his artistry.

A dry and pitted surface got the better of almost every. other player, but it could not The forward displayed the control, in the 31st minute, to

beat Grant before being brought down by Irvine's coarse challenge. Paul Gascoigne rolled the penalty into the corner of the net, having sent Michael Watt the wrong way. The composure of the England midfield player in a weekend that brought more. reports concerning his personal life is remarkable, but it could be that the pitch is one of the few havens still available

who could claim to be as comfortable at their work yesterday. Even Laudrup was briefly tainted by failibility, four minutes from the interval. when Brown's pass found him on the left and he was unable to produce the elevation to clear the goalkeeper with his chip.

The scrappiness of the general play did tend to seep into the finishing notably when Laudrup and Gascoigne in turn attempted to end a move in the second half by strolling round Wait to score.

had at least attempted to provide a flourish in a contest that was incurably clumsy;

Aberdeen sold Ecin Jess to Coventry City for E2 million refinement or poise in their build-up yesterday provided a memorial of sorts to the arts with which he had furnished the club. By way of a replacement. Aberdeen today hope to sign Stephen Crawford from Raith Rovers for £600,000.

They also spurned chances, the most significant of them in KEVIN



Scottish commentary

slipped a ball into a space on the right side of the Rangers defence that surely ought to have been occupied by Petric. The shot, however, was mishit by Dodds and skipped wide of the post. When Aberdeen's timing did prove sweet-er, early in the second half, Goram clawed away a drive by Windass that was flighted for the top corner.

in the closing stages Aberdeen had greater cause still to feel surly about this defeat when, with four minutes left, Windass again looked likely to some from Miller's corner, but the Rangers veteran, Brown, drafted in because Gough still has not recovered from a back injury, blocked his header.

Disappointment was not the only sour emotion of the afternoon, for the game produced nine bookings, four of them collected by Aberdeen and five by Rangers. Hugh Dallas, the referee could There were not many others' . mount a logical defence of his actions in every instance, but terms of previous events.

When these teems last met, in November, the match official. John Rowbothsm, ignoted incidents which later. led the Procurator Fiscal to consider bringing criminal charges against the men involved. Since then, refereeing in Scotland has become a topic of obsessive discussion and, instead of providing a frame-work in which a match takes place, it has become an ele-The gostkeeper thwarted ment in the play itself. Dallas them. Even if they did fall, could not take the risk of same, his decisions had no bearing on the outcome. Aberdeen have now lost all four of their home matches against

On Saturday, Celtic concluded the signing, until the end of the season; of Jorge Cadete, the Portugal international, although he did not play in the 40 victory over Partick Thistle. As they continue to demonstrate a financial strength unknown to any other Scottish club, Celtic and Rangers need fear only one another nowadays.

Taylor's return leaves Watford breathless

t has not taken Graham Taylor long to discover the magnitude of the job he has taken on at Watford. Elton John wants him to put the heart and soul back into the club, but he is going to have to start with the legs.

The romantics may have

warbled about a return to the yellow brick road while the cynics scoffed about a turnip going back to his roots. The reality was more prosaic. Wattord were just not fit enough to celebrate Taylor's return in the style to which he

The early signs were promising enough. There was gen-ulor warmth in the welcome as he took the field and raised the arms of Luther Blisse and Kenny Jackett, two of his old boys whom he has asked to run the team while he gets on with his new job as general manager. And the old passions stirred as Watford surged into a two-good lead

by half-time. Then they simply ran out of steam. A goal within two minutes of the resumption put Ipswich back into the game and there was a strange air of inevitability about the proceedings as they went on to score two more and show precisely why Watford are Pat Gibson sees the

size of the task

facing the former England manager

seven points addit at the bottom of the Endsleigh In-

surance League first division. himself afterwards, leaving Blissett to put a brave face on a task which scents beyond them. "We had won only two of our last 22 games, so we know we had a lot to do," he said. "But I am not too worried. There are still 17 games to go so we've got plenty of time and we showed

It was a typical show of optimism from Blissett, who game that he was still playing, and scoring goals, for Fakenham Town in the Jewson League when he got the call last week. Taylor, however, must know different. The club which he led from the old fourth division to the first states. to the first, taking in an FA Cup Final along the way, has

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that he has no option but to start all over again. "Judge me on whether the

dub, as a whole, has progressed after three years," he has said, as if admitting that whatever he does between season, when he will hang up his irracksuit and hand over to a team manager, will not make a lot of difference.

old Watford in the way White put them ahead his first goal since moving from Notes County, after Wright had failed to hold Mooney's free kick. After that, the levels of fitness and the naivety of the defending were quite alarming, as Uhlenbeck swept through unchallenged to score los-wich's first goal and then set up two more for Mathie. "I played my 'get out of jail card," George Burley, the Ipswich manager, said, How Taylor must wish he had one.



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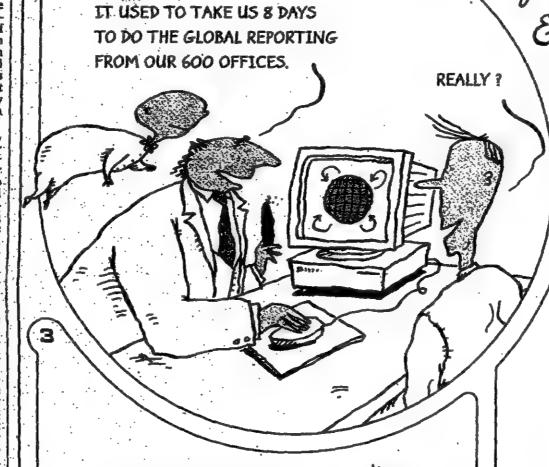
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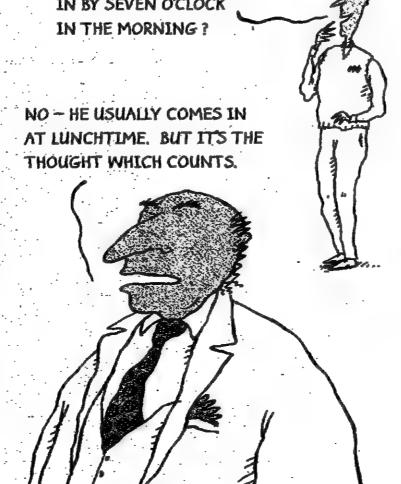
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Efficient Stevenage feeling left out

Stevenage Borough 1. Hednesford Town0

By Keith Poke

THE silverware is within their grasp, but the real prize remains tantalisingly, almost mockingly, out of reach. Come August, Stevenage Borough will have a ground fit for the Endsleigh Insurance League and a team equally up to scratch, yet their brave new world will probably dawn at Bromsgrove when it could have been at Bury.

It is becoming a tiresome, bitter, tale. In the past two seasons, Kidderminster Harriers and Macciesfield Town have won the right to automatic promotion to the fully professional ranks by their efforts on the pitch, only to be denied elevation by strictures off it. Now Stevenage, who maintained their lead in the Vauxhall Conference with this gritty victory on Saturday, are favourites to complete a hat-

trick that the "fifth division" would happily do without. Frustration is not the half of it. We are in sport, and sport is about winning and losing and promotion and relegation, Victor Green, the Stevenage chairman, said. What they are doing is denying us

the basic ingredient of sport." They are the Football League, which decrees that incoming clubs must have grounds completed six months before they know if they will beed them. Broadhall Way.
Stevenage's modest but modern home, was not ready on December 31, when the annual deadline falls. By the summer it will be, at a cost of

ESSO,000, "come what may",

All of which leaves Torquay United, adrift in the third division, laughing, and Paul Fairclough, the Stevenage manager, and his players to carry on winning and dreaming of what might have been. They are all ambitious, but I cannot fault their attitude; Fairclough said. "I called a meeting on November 24 to tell them that we would not be going up, and they went out and best Runcorn 80 the next day. They have responded brilliantly." An unbeaten run of 21 league matches bears

stimony to that. His players have talent and time on their side. At 45, rue the "double standards" he believes the Football League operates. Eighteen months ago he gave up a safe and lucrative teaching post to go full-time. Now, even Stevenage's fourth championship in six years would not enable him to fulfil an ambition of

managing in the League.
Victory still tastes sweet,
however. On Saturday it was achieved largely through Bar-ry Hayles's minereenth goal of the season, after 15 minutes, and Efetobor Sodje's authoritative defending on a bog of a pitch after Wilmor, had been sent off on the stroke of half-time for handling outside his area. Both looked good enough to play at a higher level. Both will probably have

to move to do so.



Gloucester given will to win by Hill and **Devereux**

Wasps

By BRYAN STILES

A WEST Country giant is stirring from its slumbers - Gioucester are beginning to brush away the cobwebs that have clogged their efforts in recent years, but it has taken some painful prodding from an old foe to set the blood flowing

This stirring Pilkington Cup quarter-final victory can be seen as a landmark in Gloucester's awakening and Dave Sims, the jubilant winning captain, sin-gled out Richard Hill, the coach, for special praise for the way he has turned the team's playing for-

Hill, who won international fame and glory while a member of Bath, Gloucester's sworn West Country rivals, arrived at Kingsholm this season and set about arranging stiffer and more meaningful training sessions. He also introduced a sports psychologist to motivate the players but it took a while before it had an effect and Gloucester lost too many Courage Clubs Championship points in the early part of the seatom of the first division.

They are sure their newfound form and commitment will get them out of trouble. This cup victory was just the tonic they

Gloucester players claimed their spirits were lifted by a phone call to Kingsholm shortly before the kick-off from Simon Devereux, one of their lock forwards, who was jailed for nine months last week



Hill: transformed club

inflicting grievous bodily harm on a Rosslyn Park player, breaking his law with a punch. There has been a feeling of outrage at Gloucester at the severity of the sentence and the club has promised to do all it can for him and his family.

Devereux was on prison cleaning duty at Wands he rang Kingsholm, wishing the team "all the best" in the game against Wasps. It worked.

Sims was angry at the prison sentence. "The message [from the court] was very important." he said. "It was extremely harsh, beyond belief; he is not that sort of person. He takes a few shots and he gives a few shots. If you break someone's leg by tackling them, are you going to be put away for that? Simon was part of the club socially and on In Saturday's Cup tie.

Sims led from the front. scoring a morale-boosting try in the last minute of the first half to give his team an 11-3 lead at the interval and he was always prominent in the lineout and tight exchanges.

Gregory brought Wasps back to within two points with two penalty goals, but a penalty by Fenwick, a second dropped goal from Kimber and a breakaway try by Lioyd sealed victory for Gloucester.

Dallaglio, the Wasps captain, felt Gloucester were hungrier for victory. but were guilty of smothering tactics that killed off quick release of the ball and should have been penalised . more vigorously.

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Exiles take wing to put semi-finals out of West Hartlepool's reach



Corcoran, the London Irish wing, escapes the clutches of Wood, of West Hartlepool, during the Pilkington Cup quarter-final at Sunbury. Photograph: Marc Aspland

Irish maintain spirit of adventure

London Irish.. West Hartlepool 10

> BY DAVID HANDS RUGRY CORRESPONDENT

THERE is little left for West Hartlepool this season, save a struggle for pride. A place in the semi-finals of the Pilkington Cup for the first time in their history might have offered some solace against what appears inevitawas denied them at Sunbury on Saturday by a London Irish side which rode its luck beyond even the accepted capabilities of a genial nation.

Yet the appearance in the draw today of a second division team adds to what has been a distinctly unromantic competition this season. That the Exiles represent London's sole interest after the decline and fall of Harlequins and Wasps is a happy irony in view of the predicted rush of Ireland's better players to-wards the greener fields — or perhaps that should be green-

presumed to be on offer at the leading clubs in

But the Irish owe their place to their positive rugby, even on a day when you would not have turned a dog out of doors. Their first half was a triumph over adversity, on the greasiest of pitches with savage showers coming out of the west. Clive Woodward, their coach, arrived back from a skiing holiday a couple of ing principles he has been drumming into them for the past two years.

Yet even the adventurous Woodward requires a degree of pragmatism at times and he had his assistant. Mark Dufellen, to thank for the work achieved by the forwards in his absence. On so treacherous a day, it seemed the heavier West Hartlepool forwards might drive a swath through their opponents, yet whenever required the Irish pack held firm, and their increased mobility paid diviSuccess in the Cup, though, creates problems of its own for a team occupying the second two. "Today was a one-off, the players were relaxed," Woodward said. "But it was a springboard into the league games to come. The semi-final

a week before we play Wakefield away. Whoever we

draw in the cup, we will be up

against a big. physical team

and I'm worried about the So will he turn out a 2nd XV in the Cup? "Not if it's Leicester," Woodward said, relishing the possibility of a meeting with his former club. He knows that the Cup will

put an extra spring in his side's step, particularly with the increased competition that newcomers such as Liam Mooney and Alastair Meadows, who came through significant examinations on Saturday, will provide. The bounce, though, has

gone from West Hartlepool. They remain optimistic that their better players can be secured, that sponsors will rally round and that the presence on a three-year contract as player-coach of Mark - who almost won the game single-handed when he came on as a replacement offers exciting prospects.
Yet their confidence is suffi-

ciently fragile that Tim Stimpson, their young captain, felt he had to play despite suffering from a muscular ment, though it was not until he sustained a trapped nerve in his shoulder that he went off, his place in the England A team against Italy next Saturday in considerable doubt.

West dominated the lineout, though the service to Steve Cook was scarcely five-star. and a chapter of almost laughable defensive errors by the Irish allowed them to dominate territorially in the second half. Yet they owed their try to the generosity of Steve Lander. the referee, who decided that a push by Mooney on Andrew Blyth as he pursued a chip

ahead was worth a penalty try; from the stand it seemed a was hardly probable, with desence still in good order. but Woodward offered no quarrel with the decision and Parker's conversion reduced the lead to a mere point.

Lander was less charitable

towards Chris Murphy, the lock who was West's main ball-winner. The visitors had been awarded a scrum when Murphy tugged Lander's arm in protest at some presumed. a vellow card for his pains. How frequently a side down

on its luck finds the 50-50 ball goes against them. Parker was given offside on a first-half interception, Ring's attempted dropped goal late in the game appeared to take a deflection off a défender but a drop-out was awarded to the Irish, and every time West came within five metres of the Irish line, they could not find a killing

In contrast, the Irish, against the run of play, assumed the lead with a 50metre penalty from Corcoran,

appears as much as anything so frighten the ball into flight. Their try, by the Australian scrum half, Ewington, was the result of a back-row move worked out in training by the players involving a dummy to the open side of a five-metre scrum before the switch to the

short side. Wit and invention deserve their reward and the Irish representatives will arrive at Twickenham today in sare rugby are still instilled in this dub," Gary Halpin, the Irish captain, said, but his players are determined to carve a new future in the first division. Par once, success in the Cup really

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Bath raise game on demand to dispose of Bristol

By PETER BILLS

AMID mud. mud. glorious mud, seven players on international duty next weekend knocked lumps out of each other in traditional West Country derby style at the Memorial

We must be absolutely mad to allow it. Brian Ashton, the Bath coaching director, said, "It is ludi-crous that the RFU (Rugby Football Union) cannot oravoid the need to play such important matches before internationals.

"The Scots finish most of their serious rugby by Christmas. So should we." In fact, one Scot on duty at Murrayfield next Saturday, David Hilton, was involved, together with a Weishman, Arwel Thomas, who faces Ireland. But it was the five England players who bore the brunt of the physical demands in this Pilkington Cup quarter final.

Bath, in the manner of in clinching their 25th win in 26 matches against Bristol. After each of Thomas's with a score of their own.

Having done so, they back for a win by the misleadingly small mar-

Ashion says Bath have made the mental breakthrough this season in their playing style and philosophy. They remain firmly on course for their



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fourth League and Cup double and are demonstrating a capacity to embrace the technically more developed, intricate game plan that Ashton seeks. Inevitably, on such a

day, it was the forwards who held the key, Bath's pack looking by far the more cohesive and better organised. Bristol did their best, offering a snarling confrontational challenge

which demanded respect. Adams's early yellow card and the Bath punch which splattered Armstrong's nose all over his face and finished his game, typified an opening even minutes of mayhem.

However, Bristol were never sufficiently convincing as a side to suggest an upset. In fairness, apart from the front row, their pack had been drawn chiefly from their second team, with Shaw, Archer and Corry sorely missed. Bath won most of the important - second-phase ball releasing it quicker,

too; they enjoyed a 21-13 penalty-count advantage, and Dawe's throwing contributed to success by 15-10 at the lineout. Regan's creatic early throwing, with Murraylield in mind, was disturbing.
Bath won three second-

phase balls to create the game's only try. Robinson and Sleightholme squeezing Clarke into the blindside corner. Thereafter, Butland and the disappointing. Thomas exchanged penalties as Bath comfortably kept their rivals at arm's length.

For Bath, the pursuit of glory grows; for Bristol, the rebuilding continues. SCOREPS: Bristol: Penetry goest: A Thorres (4) Bath: Try: Clarke Conversion: Butland. Penetry goest: Butland (4).

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Leicester pack holds all the trump cards

Harlequins By JOHN HOPKINS

HARLEQUINS went to Welford Road hoping to defeat Leicester in the quarter-finals of the Pilkington Cup. Having been well beaten, they set out to return home, but not before they had the grace to praise Leicester, albeit through gritted teeth, for a job well done. After watching the Leicester forwards dominate the lineout, take two strikes against the head, score one try and set up another, no one was more generous than Keith Richardson, a Harlequins

coach, and a former forward himself. Richardson is one of the nononsense men charged with removing the image of Harlequins as a team of dilettantes beefed up by bought-in players and substituting it with skilful men who mean business. In this he is succeeding, though on Saturday his men who mean business were convincingly outplayed.

Leicester's forwards took control of this game after half-time. Some speciators may have felt they squeezed the life out of what is meant to be a running and handling game, but Leicester have a clear style of play and they are adhering to it better and more successfully than almost any

other team at present. Their driving play was impressive, relentless and very skilful," Richardson said, "They played good, sensible, pragmatic rugby. Russy Tony Russ, the Leicester director of rugbyl thinks I think their style of play is boring. I do, but I enjoy watching them and I have to say I am very impressed with it. You've got to win the ball. We did not do that. They took a lot of ball off us. To play against Leicester, we need forwards

with more upper-body strength." Upper-body strength is one of rugby's voguish phrases. It is as much a part of the game at Leicester as are the words Alliance and

Leicester, the name of the new stand or the words the faithful shout in support of Dean Richards. Few players have received the vocal support that Richards gets. When cries of "Dean-O, Dean-O" rise from all quarters of the ground, as they did at a five-yard scrum on the Harlequins line midway through the second half, they inspire Leicester and must intimidate the opposition.

Richards, who speaks surprisingly quietly for such a big man, says he cannot remember when he first became aware of these cries. "I've been here since 1982 and it has been going for a long time." he said, modestly. Nor can he bring himself to acknowledge their significance because to do so might seem to be an affront to his natural, off-the-orich reticence. "It's just that my name has more of a ring to it than, say, John Wells," he said, "But, of course, it helps. It lifts all the players."

Russ believes that Leicester's front row is the best unit in the country and, on this evidence, he may be right. As well as Richard Cockerill's two strikes against the head, Darren Garforth burrowed over for a typical forwards' try. Martin Johnson won the ball at a lineout, his team-mates rolled, turned, rolled and drove to the Harlequins line, hurtling Mick Watson out of the way much as a spark flies from a welder's torch, and the line opened up in front of Leicester's tight-head prop.

Cockerill is surely on the verge of

the England team. To me, his throwing in is superb." Russ said. He hits his man with monotonous regularity." - a reference to his hooker's throwing in, not pugilism. "In my eyes, he is the best hooker in the country at the moment,"

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Rowell looks to build on Richards

BY DAVID HANDS

DEAN RICHARDS may be in the twilight of his international career but there is no doubting the influence he will have on England's five nations' championship match with Scotland at Murrayfield on Saturday. The Leigester No 3. restored to the international side, has been part of the team's inner sanctum during their training over the weekend. Richards, Will Carling and the

England half backs, Matt Dawson and Paul Grayson, sat down with Jack Rowell, the manager, in Rich-mond on Saturday night to thrash out their approach to the game.

Richards's is a strategic selection which will tighten the forwards up, Rowell said. "It's not an about face. For this game his skills are appropriate and the players will enjoy his fortitude and ability to cement things on the field. He will have a big say in the tactical approach."

England's preparation has been far from ideal; last Tuesday's session at Marlow was frozen off, and vesterday, according to Rowell, players were still creaking from cup games played on heavy surfaces and very strongly contested".

Even so, it was an opportunity to integrate Garath Archer, the Bristol lock, who is England's one newcom er, at set-piece work.

Craig Joiner, the Melrose wing, confirmed his fitness to resume for Scotland after a tendon strain suffered against Wales, though his replacement in the Cardiff game, Kenny Logan, has a strained hamstring. More significantly, Bryan Redpath, the influential screm half. played little part in training because of a back strain and a cold, but his place in the side is not in doubt.

Ireland are optimistic that Simon Geoghegan, the Bath wing, will be fit to face Wales in Dublin. He has until Thursday to recover from a groin strain, with Richard Wallace standing by to replace him.

Cardiff prove they are no pushovers

Cardiff ..

By GERALD DAVIES TO CHANNEL the forces of the

scrum in the hope of a pushover try is a legitimate, if hazardous, tactic. To manipulate them so as to get a penalty try is risky and cynical. The aim is to force the opposition into committing an infringement or to bluff the referee into believing that they have. Much depends on his judgment. Who is to say who is doing what and to whom in the nether regions of the pack? To award some points in these circumstances may be

On Saturday, Swansea felt that the risk was worth taking, so much so in the first half of this door and negative match, which contained occasional fits of ill temper from Hemi Taylor and Stuart Davies, that they ignored an easy chance of a goal in front of Cardiff's posts and went for the extra points. While Swansea were able to disrupt and discomfit the visitors' scrum, their push was not entirely authoritative.

There were calls for a penalty try, however. But the referee was not taken in by it all. After a couple of scrums of this kind in the sixteenth minute, it was Cardiff who were eventually awarded a penalty. The home team's moment was lost.

With such a strong wind at Swansea's back, it was a critical moment if they were to start accumulating points to defend in the second half. Instead, a few minutes later it was Cardiff who went into the lead, when Adrian Davies kicked his first penalty.

In the 12 minutes after that, the home team was awarded eight penalties in quick succession. Aled Williams missed four opportunities at goal. There were quick penalties and more scrums, but Swansea failed in their attempts to make up for their earlier misjudgment. They

were trying to catch up when they need not have put themselves in such a position in the first

It was the second minute of injury time before Williams's penalty brought them level, but this could hardly have encouraged them at the interval. Cardiff kept plugging away, with plenty of possession coming from Jones and Wakeford, and when they found themselves on their heels one big kick soon got them out of trouble. Adrian Davies's couple of penetrating runs might have resulted in scores but if was his two successful kicks which took them into a 9-3 lead. Williams found the target to reduce the deficit. -

The critical score came for Cardiff

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when Hall changed direction from a scrum to carve his way through on the narrow side. He went as far as possible and, when held, he fed Walker, who reached the

Swansea were unlikely to recover from this, even though they showed far more promise during this period than had been evident in their largely limited approach earlier. Williams Boobyer and Taylor had their chances to break Cardiff's defence. but this remained resolute to the

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Rowell remains calm in eye of England storm

David Hands finds the national team supremo determined to finish a task that he believes has only just begun

to the shouts of England coaches and players feeling their way towards a modus operandi for defeating Scotland on Satur-day. Twice this season, when the stadium was full, it has echoed to jeers and slow handelaps as the best rugby union players in the land struggled to beat Wales and Western Samoa.

Are they the best in the land? Do they offer the right combination? Has Rowell himself manager. coach, rugby enigma, lost direction? Last season. England ram-paged to a grand slam; this season. in the wake of the World Cup. England have struggled to pick up the threads, and the friction be-tween Rowell and

some of his squad. submerged in more successful times, has bubbled to the

Rowell might compare himself to Gulliver surrounded by the inhabitants of Lilliput. But the pygmies, he they players who do not understand or resent his management style, journ-alists who object to his sometimes curt dismissals, or supporters who do not perceive where the team is going, are The criticism has

come thick and fast stronger' in recent weeks: privately from some players, publicly from former players, coaches and journalists who see England's traditional strengths dissipated and no obvious sign of a new pattern emerging. Rowell, who has gathered all the significant reins of power in his

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hand, is the inescapable target and: his vanity has been piqued.

More than that, he shows the
masterful man's utter frustration that others do not share his vision and his appreciation of the weakness of England's rugby structure.
Rowell's careers in business and in sport have been notably successful, and he is, in his own expression, staggered kind within a sixmonth period his 17 climactic years with Bath and a grand slam

with England should be forgotten.

ack Rowell was back at That is what I am faced with and I am astonished people can't see that. That is why I have to hold the squad together as long as possible until the integrated system we are working towards, designed to improve our young players, pro-

Sport, of course, is a less precise business than ... well, business. Rowell did not expect England to win the World Cup in South Africa last year, nor did they. "You ask about style, in the second half of the World Cup game with Western Samoa, we can loose and played this mix of backs running for-wards running, interactive, driv-ing in the forwards.

That was the epitome of my view of what English rugby should be, not playing just with the backs or just with the for-

wards, and the best of English players are up to that But people tell me I should not be surprised if, when the pressure comes on. players revert to that England team

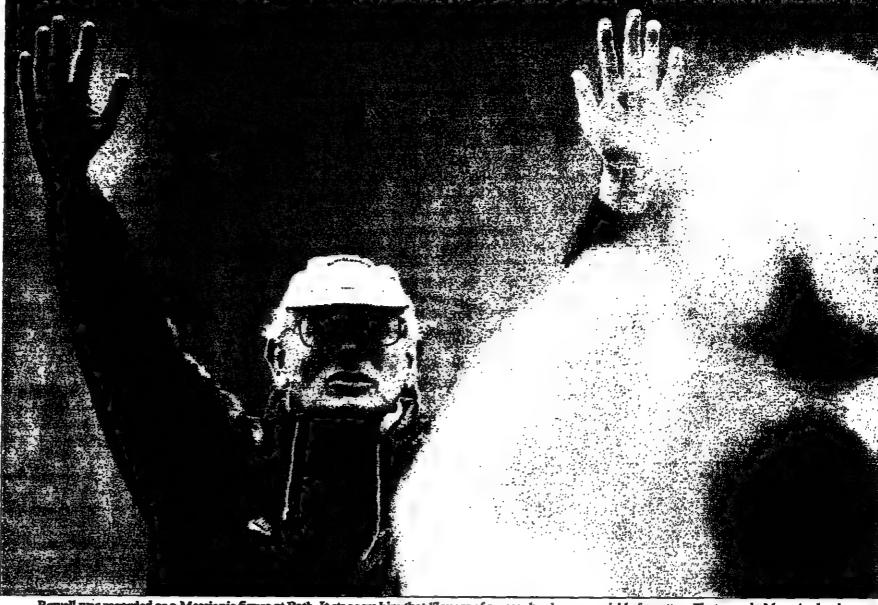
last summer was a mature team, in the "Since then we

have had to introduce six or seven very challenging. complex situation for a team which is now expected to be dominant in the northern hemisphere, and this is why I had hoped the media, the

young men and give them a "We've got to bite the bullet and get into the problems. We have to work on players' weaknesses in what is a season of major recon-struction. We have already found

supporters, would get behind these

out things about players which we needed to know if we are to go forward successfully to the 1999 Rowell talks about the vacuum left at stand-off half by the retirement of Rob Andrew, a player whose influence as leader and tacticism one suspects even he did career at Bath will recall his not appreciate until Andrew was no longer there. Yet, at the start of this season. Rowell could have



Rowell was regarded as a Messianic figure at Bath. It staggers him that 17 years of success has been so quickly forgotten. Photograph: Marc Aspland

such as Ben Clarke and Martin

He argues that, for a variety of reasons, his key players have under-performed: Moore was in and out of the Harlequins team and finally retired, Jason Leonard was injured, Bayfield and Tim Rodber were playing second-divi-sion rugby, Clarke has not proved the decision-making pack leader he seeks. Rodber's form in particular has contributed to the uncertainty in the back row, where six. players have already been used this season.

Those who followed Rowell's ruthless approach to players at club level. His failure has been that he has not modified his club

premium, and the pitiless public lare which accompanies it. Rowell was part of a team at Bath which involved fellow coaches and senior players, and though much of the credit rebounded on him. much went elsewhere.

ith England, the operation is black or white. There is no ▼ room for grey. A year ago it was white; now sombre destructive comments follow Rowell wherever he goes and his patience has worn thin. "Does anyone think I enjoy boring rug-by? I hate sterile rugby but people should look more closely at what we have done this season.

"One of my best selectorial days until our investment in the A team well as Will Carling and possibly psychology involved in preparing the Midlands and seeing Phil the new people have been told they begins to pay off, Rowell says. Brian Moore, and younger players a national side, where time is at a Greening and Alex King playing.

These are two gems, subject to polishing, and we have drafted them into the A side. I watched Matt Dawson and Paul Grayson play for the Midlands against the Samoans, I checked with the A team management about Grayson's tour in Australia last year

and the reports were favourable. Dawson had an iffy first game but he is growing stronger. Grayson, whose perception of the game tallies very closely with the one I am seeking, will get another chance against Scotland after a disappointing game against Wales. Lawrence Dallagio has settled into the job of open-side flanker, Jonathan Sleightholme has come in and looks promising.

"At the same time we have needed the experienced people to be spot on and that has not always been the case. I have talked to people like Rory Underwood, asked him how he's feeling after

son, and he tells me he wants two good years. I tell him that England needs him but part of the challenge for players like him and Carling and Guscott is that, when they get on the field, they see new faces.

suffering from criticism this sea-

We are starting to dig around, find young men like Paul Sampson, bring along individual coaches to work with young scrum haives like Andy Gomarsall and Austin Healey, and that's part of the excitement. Our base will widen over the next six or seven introduce players in ones and may actually bring out the meatwos, which creates less pressure sure of the man.

on those already there and less on

those coming in."
Yet will Rowell be part of that process up to and beyond 1999? When he took over from Geoff Cooke in March 1994 it was a case, he believed, of "now or never" Now that he understands more fully the scope of the problem, his work record suggests he would not walk away after a mere two years. yet he brushes aside questions which extend beyond his contract-

ed period up to next September.
So much hinges upon the result
at Murrayfield on Saturday. Victory over Scotland could be the saving of Rowell, by restoring public confidence and putting England on course for, at least, a triple crown, turning around the whole season. Defeat, however,

Sevens add up to a lot of fun on the river bank

SPRING is almost here. If soon there will be some signs in the hedgerows, an earlier indication still if you are anywhere within hearing distance of school playing fields, particularly of the indepen-dent kind, is the earnest preparations for "sevens". Not all schools are involved

since there are those, once the Michaelmas term is over, who choose to turn their minds and bodies towards hockey. But there remains the hard, and for those who braved the elements yesterday in Brecon; extremely hardy core, whose rugby season cannot be entirely fulfilled without a fix of rugby union's shortened

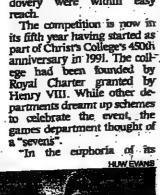
The weather at Christ's College, Brecon, was nowhere near spring-like, which was a pity. Yesterday was the annual invitation rugby sevens. The college stands beneath the Brecon Beacons and on the banks of the Usk. It is a fine and picturesque setting with its four rugby pitches, hockey pitches and so on.

The game might have been an omen for the change in the season but the weather was not. With matches beginning at ten o'clock in the morning and ending in the very late afternoon, a bit of warmth and dryness is essential for a comfortable and successful aiternoon. There is a lot of



ment; there is a lot of waiting around, too. There were four pools of five teams so that each: team had a minimum of four matches before entering the knockout stages. Unlike other competitions, the route to the final included eight, not seven, completed matches. All the players had to be congratulated for their endeavours.

If Stonyhurst, Harrow and St Joseph's, Ipswich represent-ed schools who had required an overnight stay on Saturday, others from Hereford, King's, Worcester and Llan-dovery were within easy





Fitzgerald, of St Joseph's, Ipswich, holds off a challenge

success it was decided it should continue," said John charge of games. And so it does. Although, with yester-day's pelting rain and sleet, there were those who wondered of other ways Sunday afternoons could be spent. This is the first of the season's

schools sevens competition. The grand climax will be in March when the Rosslyn Park event will close the brief, but often inspiring, season of lastgasp lunges and long, lung-bursting sprints for the line. This tournament is thought to be second only to the one in Roehampton for the highquality of its competition.

The pity for us," Williams said, "is that it comes too early in the season. We would like to conduct the event later, but with the other schools' tournaments in place - which have formed a long-standing tradition — there is nothing much we can do about it. Perhaps the Rosslyn Park event should be put back where it once was at the latter end of the month."

Yet it was a lot of fun to be at Brecon. There was plenty of subtlety around, but it was a hard-grafting play that generally ensured success. Brecon, on their own patch, looked good for a final placing before St Joseph's, Ipswich, got the better of them. Harrow, under Roger Utiley, looked good, too, in patches and surprised their mentor. But the team of the tournament was unquestionable Stonyhurst. They managed to survive a gruelling quarter-final against King's Bruton. In the semi-final, they scored a remarkable 49-0 victory over the much-fancied Milifield. As if this were not enough, they trounced St Joseph's in the final by 47 points without reply. Stonyhurst collected 233 points — a remarkable achievement in the conditions. In Balshaw, Gildea and Seldon, they had players who scored some wonderful tries. Seldon, was awarded the man of the

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Irish's feat fails to stop heavy defeat

By Nicholas Harling

THE achievement in becoming only the fourth player in English basketball to accumu-late 6,000 points was ruined for Colin Irish by the contributions of those around him. By the time the Worthing player-coach sank his ninth point to reach the landmark in a Budweiser League fixture on Saturday, en mute to a personal tally of 17. Worthing Bears were well on the way to their worst defeat of the

Irish stepped up after his team's crushing 118-95 loss against Manchester Giants to receive a memento from his wife. Paula, but he will not choose to remember the occa-

man he succeeded as player-coach, Alan Cunningham, the game's top scorer with 33 points, Worthing were a sorry lot. "They ran us off our feet," Irish haid after the Giants had avenged their beating by the Bears in the Wembley play-off

final last May. The Giants could well go one better this time. The league title may be just out of reach, but it will not be for want of trying that their coach, Mike Hanks, will concede the race to either London Towers or Sheffield Sharks.

Mark Robinson was, as usual, the most prolific Giant with 28 points, but it was the English players around him that most pleased their coach. Joel Moore, whose 20 points included six three-pointers, has settled in well, Kevin St Kitts is effective, and Dave Gardner still a powerful rebounder, but, in Danny Craven. Mike Defoe and Panjie Grainger, Hanks possesses what he considers "the nucleus of the club's future".

Elsewhere on Saturday, the Leopards and Derby Storm both gained predictable wins, the Leopards by 99-93 at Hemel Hempstead Royals, the Storm with a 104 92 home victory over Newcastle

The woman sitting be-hind the desk passed over the £4 ticket with

unexpected information. The last one available, it had been bought for a child who had plainly been unable to attend. Had it not been handed back, entry to the Mountbatten Centre in Portsmouth would have been denied.

She forgot to mention, though, the criteria necessary for admittance. Apparently, only women, preferably schoolgirls and the younger the better, would be allowed into the indoor arena. The rule had been bent to accommodate perhaps a handful of fathers and brothers.

The revelation was all the more startling as entrance (which, because of the crowded stands, had to be made across the court) was timed cruelly to coincide with the public introduction of the visiting team. Dressed in En-gland's traditional colours, they were seemingly in dis-guise. I wished that I had been, too.

Attending the netball inter-

national on Saturday was a strange, almost surreal, experience, and as uncomfortable as intruding on a school sports day without being a parent.

"Something's happening here," the taxi driver had said noticing the lord mayor's offi-cial car parked outside the stadium. Indeed, the "right worshipful" councillor Malcoim Chewter was there, but at least he could claim to be on official duty. One other male had no such obvious excuses. Netball is played by, and

for, young women, a fact which was supported by aural as well as visible evidence. Although the decibel level was generally low, the pitch remained high. It peaked 90 times, 40 of them when Northem Ireland scored. It did not feel like an

international, in spite of the limp presence of a couple of small Union Jacks hanging from the ceiling. The teams were denoted on the scoreboard relatively anonymously distinction blurred by the col-

by hoops and hollers Stuart Jones is put

among the girls for an afternoon's sport but fails to succumb to netball's charms

Mere male unroused

the individuals was no less clear because the announcer's equipment seemed to have been borrowed for the afternoon from British Rail. One player, however, stood out. Joanne McGreevy, from Bangor, finished on the losing side, as she would have feared that she might. The Irish have not won the fixture for more than four decades but, light on her feet and adept at losing markers, she was appreciably the most productive and creative of all on view.

Since the sport has had such limited exposure to the wider public, the finer points were not so dis-cernible but the stature of the two forwards, known as the goal shooter and goal attack, could hardly have been a more

conspicuous advantage.

The action, controlled by a couple of whistling dervishes, was continuous until one of the forwards gained possession in the area, little larger than the turning circle of a Robin Reliant. Then animation was suspended while an ball through the hoop. Since defenders are not allowed within a yard, an

Amazon would have a field

day. Why the Irish, having started the more convincingly to lead 13-10 at the end of the opening quarter, should choose to replace their tail shooter with a shorter version England were arrayed in in the second half was there-

fore bemusing.
Once England had gone unfamiliar red and the Irish in blue and white. The identity of ahead, a contest between nations replacing several players who retired after the world championships six months ago was too predictable to hold the interest. More than one fellow observer proclaimed that she was "bored now".

The occasion, started by a match between local under-11 sides shortly after noon, had by then been going for more than four hours. At least there were none of the nauseating blights which have become customs in modern sport spitting, histrionics, obsceni-ties and high-fives.

After England had duly completed their 50-40 victory. the crowd wandered informally onto the polished court. The announcer, during one of his less muffled sentences, pleaded for the "players to be left alone". The request, in at least one quarter, was superfluous. Having been wedged in at the top of one of the stands. I could not wait to relieve my embarrassment and departed

as rapidly as possible ~

small refreshment stand.

without the chance to visit the

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Victorious Higgins has sights set on Hendry

BY PHIL YATES

JOHN HIGGINS became only the sixth player successfully to defend a world-ranking snooker tournament title when he comfortably beat Rod Lawler, of Liverpool, 9-3 in the final of the Sweater Shop International Open at Swindon on Saturday.

Higgins joined a select group of players which had previously comprised Ray Reardon, Steve Davis, Stephen Hendry, John Parrott and James Wattana. Higgins compiled a pair of

century breaks and four halfcenturies in the final of a competition which was low in overall quality. Nine of the world's top ten

players were eliminated in the opening round, itself a first, and Hendry, the world champion, fell to Lawler in a second-round upset of stunning proportions.
"Everyone was saying it

was a foregone conclusion l would win the title after that but, in the end, it just put me under even more pressure," said Higgins, who recovered from a 4-1 deficit and 39 points in arrears in the sixth frame to beat Alain Robidoux, the Canadian, 6-4 in the semi-finals.

Higgins collected a £60,000 first prize and an additional £5.000 for compiling the highest break, a tournamentrecord 144 total clearance, with which he completed victory over Robidoux in style.

That carries his total prizemoney for the season to £212,000, a figure only exceeded by Hendry, who would swell his earnings to almost £450,000 for the 1995-96 campaign were he to capture the European Open title for the third year in succession in Malta this week.

By virtue of his international open triumph, Higgins has significantly improved his chances of replacing Hendry at the head of the provisional world rankings come the end of the season. Thus, the visit to Malta has been magnified in importance for both players.

Ladejo in hot water for playing the crowd

By David Powell, athletics correspondent

THE man from Quiet Storm Associates ran like lightning and spread looks of thunder on the faces of senior British athletics officials on Saturday. Dark skies hang over Du'aine Ladejo, Britain's brightest prospect for a gold medal at the European indoor championships in Stockholm next

Ladejo is to be spoken to by Verona Elder, the Great Britain team manager, about his antics on the last lap of the relay in the McDonald's international between Great Britain and France at Kelvin Hall. Glasgow, A quiet word now should save a storm later for the athlete who set up Quiet Storm as his personal management company after win-ning the European indoor 400 metres title in 1994.

Having won the individual 400 metres in 46,39sec on Saturday, Ladejo was so com-fortably ahead in the relay that he waved the baton at spectators several times during the last lap. The crowd enjoyed it but such behaviour belittled the opposition, espe-cially on the finish straight

ENGLAND won the TSB Schools indoor internationai matches against Scotland at Birmingham yesterday, with the boys team particularly dominant. Best of the English winners were Jonathan Keith, in the 1,500 metres, and Barry Woodward, in the 800 metres.

when Ladejo deliberately slowed down to let the Frenchman, Bruno Wavelet, draw tantalisingly close before speeding up again.

For less showing off in a similar position at RAF Cosford some years ago, Brian Whittle was admonished by Frank Dick, then Britain's chief coach, and Andy Norman, head of promotions. er said: "It is not the sort of thing we would encourage. I will be speaking to Du aine about it. But he has got back after a dreadful injury last year and he is obviously so

Ladejo, European champion outdoors as well as indoors. said: "It was to do ith me and the crowd, me entertaining them. It was nothing to do with me taking the mickey."

Unless Tony Jarrett recovforced him out of the 60 metres



hurdles, Ladejo will be the only Briton in Stockholm from whom victory will be expected. Jarrett did not rule out his participation, though Mike McFarlane, his coach, had said earlier the decision to end

his indoor season had been

Ashia Hansen, in the triple ump, and Jason Gardener, in the 60 metres, are potential winners without being clear favourities. John Regis, in the 200 metres, and Dalton Grant, in the high jump, would fall into that category too, but are making late decisions on whether to go.

Given that none of Britain's Christie, Gunnell, Edwards, Jackson, Holmes — will be contesting the European event, Britain has few medal hopes, so to lose Melanie Neel and Mark Hylton would be a considerable blow. Each has a

groin injury and is doubtful. Neef withdrew on Saturday, having not trained for a week. Hylton was fine in warm up but suffered during the race. "It is painful walking on it," he said. But, so deep is the well of British athletics, that spilt buckets are usually replaced.

Francis Agyepong leapt into the European medal reckoning with a 16.92 metres triple jump victory. Jason John could challenge Gardener in the 60 metres after winning in 6.62sec and Anthony Whiteman, after his seventh successive indoor race unbeaten by a Briton, could take a medal at 1,500 or 3,000 metres. Whiteman will probably opt

for 1,500 metres, though he was upset at failing to beat lmin 50sec for 800 metres, finishing second to Jean Chris-tophe Vialettes in Imin 50.62sec. Kate Staples, having taken the British women's pole vault record to 3.85 metres - she has a near miss at 3.90 - would be a medal contender if she can clear four

injuries and the death of her father in recent weeks and her victory here was encouragement for her as she prepares for Stockholm. "I am not looking at 3.90, I have to get four metres this season," Staples said. "She is capable of it,"

Denise Lewis, the Commonwealth heptathlon champion, is edging closer to Mary Rand, the 1964 Olympic champion. and Fiona May, the world champion, in the indoor long jump standings. Lewis jumped 6.48 metres compared with May's 6.68 and Rand's 6.53, splendid progress by an athlete who has to work on six

other events as well. Grant beat Steve Smith to win the high jump, wearing Smith's right shoe. Grant arrived with only a left shoe. so Smith would pull off his right one between jumps to

help out his team-mate. Smith flew to Stockholm on Saturday night for the Ricoh Tour there yesterday where the stakes were high, \$25,000. But he will not be back there with the British team next in stepping into Grant's shoes as European champion.

Topolski delighted at Oxford's degree of progress



Oxford's anticipated contest with London University's top crew on the Tideway failed to materialise yesterday (Mike Rosewell writes). London University, with four of their star men - Rupert Obholzer, Tim Foster, Graham Smith and Mat Parish unavailable due to Britain squad commitments, and with other key men sick or injured, declined to take part.

London University "old boys" and two students, substituted and raced Oxford from Chiswick to Hammersmith, Oxford winning by two lengths in a fast time which pleased Dan Topolski, their coaching director. Topolski is having a busy year, being involved with the Oxford crew and acting as adviser to the filming of True Bine, his book of the 1987 Oxford mutiny.

imperial College two weeks previously, although there were some positional alterations, Paul Berger and Ben Mann, the and seven seats. Cambridge, less in the limelight than Oxford so far this spring, also appeared on the Tideway this weekend and undertook some training with London Rowing Club. Cambridge

oarsman in Seoul and Barcelona, both of whom did not appear in Cambridge's pre-Christmas trial eights due to illness, came out faster in both the low-rate work and mort bursts of effort.

Both camps have a week to finalise their decisions before the official challenge and

FROM JOHN HENNESSY IN PARIS

figure skating in the history of the sport. The format of the inaugural Champions' Series was such that paraded before 12.000 spectators in the final was the best, with a few possible exceptions, that competitive skating has to offer.

Peter Sutcliffe, her coach, said. The so-called professional championships, mostly in the United States, trumpet the number of Olympic and world gold-medal winners they can muster, but discerning eyes can easily distinguish between the meritorious and the meretricious.

What does, say, an Olympic title in 1980 mean 16 years later? Few of those who compete for a professional title today could live with those we saw on Saturday, any more than Jack Nicklaus could still hold a hope of adding to his 18

major golf titles.
The big winner on Saturday
was Michelle Kwan, a 15-yearold American of astonishing maturity, on the ice and off it. Skating last, she was able to judge that victory in the free skating would launch her to the top, since the leader, Lu Chen, China's holder of the world title, had been so unhinged by a fall in her opening

THE Bercy Stadium here on triple lutz that she succeeded

with only two triples. safely executed the lutz and was further fortified immediately by two triple toe loops in combination. Three more trinies followed and, if her spins are less impressive she achieves an elegance of line surpassed only perhaps by Chen — when the Chinese girl

Kwan's prize money \$60,000 (about £40,000). raised her total for the series to \$150,000, to which an untold treasury from exhibitions has to be added. "Amateur" skating has come a long way in the last 12 months.

The other results went according to expectations in the light of Friday's short programmes. In the men's event. Alexei Urmanov, the Russian Olympic champion, held off the challenge of Elvis Stojko, the world champion from

Their competition was otherwise notable for Stojko's success with a quadruple toe loop, combined with a double, and for Eric Millot's combination of two triple loops, a unique achievement, as far as anyone here can tell.

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Kwan outstanding | Cannock surrender | Mistral sails on

A TWO-GOAL lead in hockey Woods and Simons adding to Reading, where Cannock lost their advantage and shared four goals with the home side in the National League. In a

Cannock looked more dangerous, and Mason, the Reading goalkeeper, was kept busy. Cannock went ahead in the tenth minute with a goal by Mayer, and Pidcock added the second from Mayer's pass five minutes before the interval. Reading survived five short corners in the second half

torrent of strong running,

verting a penalty stroke in the 54th minute. Eleven minutes later, Ashdown levelled the score from a short corner while Mayer was under suspension.

before Osborn brought them

back into the match by con-

Southgate regained the leadership of the first division with an emphatic 5-2 home win over Surbiton, who were leading 2-1 and might have been better off if Elmitt had not missed a penalty stroke. Both goals for Surbiton were scored by Sexton, the second from a short corner. Southgate replied with goals

corner, two by Waugh, also

from short corners, with

by Sean Kerry, from a short

manage only a 4-4 draw with Stourport, who were leading 3-2 before Morrison levelled three minutes before the end. Stourport scored through Lashford, Bertram, from a short corner, and Harradine. Nick Thompson, from a short corner, and Gladman replied for Old Loughtonians before Morrison spared their blushes. Stourport remain anchored to the bottom of the table.

Barford Tigers caused a mild surprise by defeating Teddington I-0 with a goal by Jagdeep Soor in the fortieth minute, while Trojans held Havant to a goalless draw. Hounslow recorded a 4-1 away win over Bournville, Williamson scoring twice for Hounslow, from a short corner and a penalty stroke.

Guildford went briefly to the top of the table on Saturday by defeating East Grinstead 2-1. Jennings, from a short corner, and Williams

scored for Guildford, and Bentley for East Grinstead. Richmond achieved a valuable 4-0 win over Bromley in the second division but are still in danger of relegation.

the £14,000 first prize in the

pairs championship on Satur-

day, beating Gary Smith and

Andy Thomson 7-5, 2-7, 7-6, 4-

7, 7-4. It was Schuback's third

success in this event. All have

been with different partners

and all at the expense of Smith

Spike's [Kerkow's] sake,

Schuback said. "I wanted him

to know what it's like to win a

"It was a pretty good match," Thomson said. "It's

been a draining fortnight for

me, but I'd have settled for

getting to the singles semi-

With the match in the

balance at 6-6 in the third set,

Schuback, facing a set lie,

managed to score an impor-

tant single. Smith and Thom-

son won the fourth with a

Kerkow had two good lead

bowls on the decisive end of

the fifth set. Schuback put

another in the vicinity and

Thomson was unable to save

finals and the pairs final."

"I tried my hardest for

and Thomson.

world title."

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the situation.

among skating elite two-goal advantage unfavourable tide

Edward Gorman finds economic ill-winds blowing a grand circumnavigation off course

Pierre Fehlmann thought he had come up with the ultimate solution to round-the-world yacht racing when he launched his one-design Grand Mistral race a year ago. Circumnavigating from Marseilles, it was to be more competitive than the Whitbread, more fun for the sailors and - crucially - much

cheaper to enter. The key was that unlike the Whitbread, which requires boats to be built and designed by each team at huge expense, Fehlmann would make the yachts himself and then hire them to skippers who would persuade sponsors to rent them for the period of the race. The Mistral was thus to be more affordable and a better test of pure oceanracing skill.

But with six months to the September start, this brave new competitor is struggling for credibility and, possibly. survival. Early predictions by Fehlmann's team that syndicates would sign rental agreemonohulls early and in numbers now look optimistic.
The Mistral has attracted

only three confirmed syndicates - Ludde Ingvall (Nicorette), Grant Dalton (Merit Cup) and Marc Pajot (Marseille-Provence). After that there is a long list of skippers who may be getting the money together. The race newsletter faithful-

ly records many of those allegedly "showing interest in taking part", but a fair proportion have either given up looking for money or are concentrating on a Whitbread campaign_

At race headquarters in Morges, Switzerland, the at-mosphere is tense. While supporters of the Mistral accuse British yachtsmen and media of jumping on the bandwagon to condemn the race as a failure before it has started. officials barely conceal their growing unease.

Hans Bernhard, the race communications manager. speaks of walking a tightrope. We have got organised to build eight boats which is an enormous financial strain. Our commitment to the race sponsors and to the signed entrants is for eight boats — so we are just working on that which is pretty tough right now," he said.

Bernhard blames the poor economic climate for the failure to attract more syndicates. There is a lot of talk and

negotiation going on. We are 🎝 making good progress but the pace has slowed since the ginning of the year."

Bernhard claims a number of groups are close to signing deals, including a Russian syndicate which last week announced support from Aeroflot and Vnokovo Airlines, a South African venture and one from Luxembourg.

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However, if eight syndicates cannot be found, the organisers claim the existing entrants will be prepared to 20 round the world in a fleet of six or possibly five, so long as they are crewed and skippered to a high level. They cite as precedent the last Whitbread, which ended up with only three competitive DESKIE .

There may be a last-minute rush to claim the new boats but the omens are not good. Despite the innovation of renting yachts, the bill for a credible crack at the Mistral is still over £3 million. And many observers believe Fehlmann should not have tried to squeeze his event into the year before the next Whitbread but placed it midway through the four-year rest

From a British perspective, the race has struggled for credibility against the Whitbread which, now on a one-design footing itself, is the one to win. The BT Global Challenge will also eat up media coverage and the limited appetite among the general public for round-theworld racing. The Mistral's cause here is not helped by having no British port of call. Nor is there a significant television deal for coverage of the race here.

In Marseilles this weekend Ingvall, the first to take pos session of a Mistral boat, which are being turned out of the mould at a rate of one every three weeks at a completed cost of SwFr3.5 million each, was preparing for his first test sail even though he does not know who the oppo-

sition will be. But he sounded characteristically builish. "The boat construction is the most critical area. If they stop building them, then I would be worried," he said. Ingvall believes five or six yachts on the start line will be enough and is impressed with the Farr-designed Mistral boat, which he calls "an umbelievable racing machine which is faster and meaner than anything else".

Ciniglio celebrates qualifying success

FROM RICHARD EATON IN PRAGUE

ENGLAND'S triumph on Sat- Wright had gone home with urday in getting both men's and women's squads to the badminton world team sson, a European silver medplace play-off matches has created glimmers of hope that years in the doldrums may come to an end.

The men's 3-2 victory over Holland and the women's unexpected 3-2 success over Sweden were achieved with six players making their debuts in either the Thomas or Uber Cup.

These successes have given me as much pleasure as any." Ciro Ciniglio, the team manager, said. "We did not expect to get both teams through. At last we can see some light at the end of the tunnel, and it is a bit of a fairytale to be able to finish this way." Ciniglio retires two months after the finals, which take place in

Hong Kong in May. The most surprising victories were those of Joanne Muggeridge, who won twice, having only gained the chance to do so because Joanne

flu. Muggeridge's 11-7. 11-6 victory over Catrine Bengtal-winner, was one of the best wins of her career. Two hours later, she and Julie Bradbury, who had never previously played together, beat Maria Bengtsson and Margit Borg

"When it came to it, our players had more character than theirs," Karen Chapman, the England coach, said. England's other win came from the hardworking Alison Humby, although the outstanding player, as she has been for some time, was

Bradbury.

Another notable success was achieved by Darren Hall, who played his best badminton for three years in overcoming Jeron van Dijk, the world No 21, 15-12, 15-6. The men's team joined Denmark and Sweden in the finals, while the women will accompany Denmark and Russia.

Gourlay's inheritance realises title Kelvin Kerkow and lan Schuback, of Australia, won

BY GORDON ALLAN

DAVID GOURLAY Jr. a member of a renowned bowling family north of the border. won the Churchill Insurance world indoor singles championship yesterday when he beat Hugh Duff, of Cumbernauld, 2-7, 7-5, 7-6, 3-7. 7-1 at the Preston Guild Hall.

In doing so, Gourlay, 29, from Prestwick, became the second unseeded player to win the title. Duff was the first, at Alexandra Palace in 1988. Gourlay's share of the prizemoney was £27,000. Duff's

Duff, 32, won the first set without undue delay. He started the second in the same vein, but Gourlay dug in and eventually claimed it. Beginning to show the form that enabled him to knock out Mervyn King in the semifinals after coming from two sets down, Gourlay edged the third after trailing 6-2.

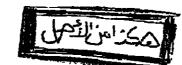
Duff tied the match in the fourth with the help of a ditched jack for three shots. The fifth, like the first, was soon over, Duff missing with a drive when Gourlay held two

television and wish I was there on the rink," Gourlay said. "It was the most sporting final I've ever played in. Hugh played some fantastic bowls in the fourth set to put me under pressure.'

played in the whole tournament," Duff said, "and yet I lost. I don't think I did anything wrong. David took his chances and all credit to him. He's always looked a potential world champion."



Gourlay leads off against Duff during his victory in the world indoor singles event. Photograph: Peter Lomas



Ronald Gribble braves the bleak midwinter to join a Lake District course for mountain walking leaders

True grit and the making of a rock star

t was just like the dawn of D-Day. Teams dress-ed in weatherproofs and walking boots knelt on floor of the the the floor of the HQ poring over maps with flashlamps and compasses. The time 2200hrs on a moonlit winter's night in the Lake District.
Within minutes of being

given orders they would be combing the surrounding woods and hills by torchlight, like a string of fairy lights. The mission: to pinpoint their targets. The reward: the first step to becoming a qualified moun-tain walking leader.

I was with a group of 32 men and four women on a four-day issessment course at Derventwater, near Keswick in Cumbria. Our first test was to show our skills in night navigation and to find ten white and red markers, the size of small box kites, planted over an area of about a square mile. I was there as a reporter, but the tension was real enough.

This was a game, but in real life the ability to find your way in the dark in the mountains. can make the difference between life and death. Get lost and you could die of hypothermia. Take a wrong turning

and you might fall over a cliff.
The candidates ranged from an 18-year-old student to a retired headmaster. They included middle-managers, teachers, a policeman, a ski instructor and a former manager of a North Sea oilrig.

We were divided into groups. I shadowed Bernard Townsend, a senior fireman from Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan, and Bill Deacon, a former warrant officer who a 24 man a man with the a 24-year career with the British Army in Germany, had opened a small hotel in Llandudno, Gwynedd. Both men, in their late forties, were omed by Geoff Royal, 22, from Rossendale, Lancathire, who had worked for the PGL youth activities organisation and helped with the Duke of Edinburgh Awards scheme.

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The first rule of being a leader is to bring your party back safely, whatever the we ther," said assessor Mike Morley, an experienced mountain walking guide from the Isle of Wight, who took early retirement from a career in education. "In the winter the light can fade very quickly in the mountains, so a leader must be able to navigate in the

By midnight we had been stumbling about in the blackness for two hours and the new batteries in my torch were beginning to run down. My first mistake: always carry a spare power pack

The markers were hidden in undergrowth in the hills, down by the jetty on the lake, over wire fences, in the middle of fields. It was heavy going in places with knee-high bracken. Branches snapped and terns crunched under foot. Pheasants scattered. Tree roots waited in trip us up. Branches dangled low, ready to poke out an eye.

ne of our team fell.
"I'm OK," cried a
voice in the dark. "Don't stop. Carry on, time is running out." We shone a light on our map, took a bearing and checked our watches. Only two more targets to go. Then, mission accomplished, it was back to base at breakneck speed to avoid losing points.

Breathless and panting,

Assessor Mike Morley, left, briefs fireman Bernard Townsend, fair hair, and Geoff Royal, crew cut, before they set out with former soldier Bill Deacon, right, on an exercise hurried to keep up with my. companions, the welcoming brief of Andy Berlyn, the walking operations manager, still ringing in my ears: "If tomorrow some of you feel that

this is not for you, and you want to go home, that's fine. Just say so. Your room-mate will be pleased anyway, because you probaoly snore. And we Won't have to feed you for the rest of the course," The next morning the first candi-

date quit By the third day five would have left. They went quietly after breakfast. "One man had tears in his eyes," said an assessor.

We nodded knowingly and moved on to the next exercise. There was no room for senti-

Smoking was banned and the bar was not open until the last night. From Friday teatime until Monday lunchtime, the candidates were put under pressure to test their ability to

think clearly under

stress. Their per-'By the formances were monitored from third day breakfast to bedtime and each indifive had vidual's strengths weaknesses quit. One later analysed by the 14-strong team man was cups of coffee until after midnight to in tears' gauge their poten-tial as a leader.

Their self-confidence, judgment and practical skills were tested to the limit. When they returned in the late afternoon, wet and muddy from outdoor exercises, they were assembled for a debriefing before dinner, There were no free periods apart from meal breaks, and often just time to snatch a shower before the next exercise, briefing or order to kit up and head for the hills.

"I sometimes think that we underestimate the stress we put them under," said one assessor, a former prison officer. "They probably don't sleep much." He was right. Many stayed up late to prepare for exams and interviews or rose early to bone up before breakfast.

The early starts, action-packed days and working evenings were designed to reflect the true lot of a professional guide, should they be lucky — or unlucky — enough to pass the criteria and quality. to lead parties of walkers in the mountains.

We spent the best part of Saturday on map-reading exercises in Wainwright country" in the Grasmoor Fells, plodding up sodden hillsides dotted with scruffy sheep, scrambling over razor-sharp rocks and finding pinpricks on the maps with compasses.

That evening, national park ranger, Roy Harding, an expoliceman and a former member of the Keswick mountain rescue team, gave us a crash course in first aid, demonstrated mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and showed us how to deal with accidents and how to survive in the mountains.

Next day we found our-selves climbing the 2,000fthigh Sail on a party management exercise and about to put the first-aid training to the test. Each candidate had to take

a turn at leading, watched by the assessors, who laid on a series of "incidents" — with members of the party suffering mock heart attacks, broken limbs, vertigo or mysteriously going missing — to see how the "leaders" coped.

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The ultimate test was: would they be calm and considerate under pressure or become aggressive and bullying when faced with a crisis? After four hours of being

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courses are run by HF Holidays, a non-profitseeking company and a world leader in walking and special interest holidays. It is constantly seeking leaders of the highest calibre to join its 600 guides already lead-ing more than 10,000 walks a year at home and abroad. The company won a National Training Award for its leadership courses, which are in-tended for people who are fully competent in the use of an Ordnance Survey 1:25,000 map and compass. Courses are held in March, April, December and February in the Lake District. They have been designed for people with expertise in mountain or lowland walking who have the right attitude and motivation. Details: Andy Berlyn, walking opera-tions manager, HF Holi-days Ltd. Redhills, Penrith, Cumbria CAH ODT (01768 890091).



The trio check the maps before a night navigation test

lashed by driving rain and steaming in the sweat and condensation caused by my cheap plastic waterproofs, my suede walking boots began to let in water and my socks started to squeich. My second

mistake: never go mountain walking without good gear. Then it was soldier Bill's turn to lead the party. He kept his head when fireman Bernard feigned a broken leg after falling into a ditch, wincing

convincingly if anyone dared to touch it. Bill pulled a survival tent from his ruck-sack and asked three people to get inside the tent with the casualty" to keep him warm, while he sent a small party back to base to summon the mountain rescue team.

Six hours later we were back at the hotel for a debriefing on where we had gone wrong. "I made a complete mess of it." admitted one candidate, recalling how he had tried to put a suspected heart attack victim into a thermal bag instead of

erecting the survival tent.

The bag had split, the casualty had got soaked lying in the rain and, in his panic, the acting leader had forgotten to sive a way and reference of to give a map grid reference of our location to the party sent to fetch help.

"If you can learn from your mistakes, you have the makings of a leader," said Bob McFall, a tough American assessor who leads walks in the mountains of Scotland, "If all you can do is make excuses. we don't want you. It's that

simple."

As we scrambled aboard a minibus with our rucksacks for the journey home, Andy Berlyn waved goodbye. "The pass rate is about 40 per cent." he said. "I'll let you know.

"I hope you all enjoyed yourselves." he added with a broad grin. Believe it or not, we had,

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent There are some types of defensive play in which it appears the

declarer wants you do to one thing; just to be cussed, without necessarily having worked out the full consequences, it is often right to do the other thing. Here is an example,

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This was a hand from the fifth round of last year's Gold Cup, between Cohen's and Nicola Smith's teams. West led a heart against 3NT, won in dummy by the nine. Now, short of entries to his hand, declarer (Dick Shek) tried the good shot of leading the queen of diamonds at trick two, on which East played the nine. It should have been clear to

West, after this unnaturallooking diamond play, what was going on. If South had plenty of entries, he would play small to the king, and finesse the ten on the second round. Hence West should have ducked the queen of diamonds, which would have scuppered the contract.

in the event West took the queen of diamonds with the ace and cashed the ace of hearts; on which East discarded the jack of spades. Now if West clears hearts declarer will have to guess the club position to make his ninth trick there. However West switched to a spade, so declarer had time to set up a second diamond trick and still had two entries to hand to set up a second heart trick.

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Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

By Philip Howard FRAUENDIENST ABASIA a. Lechery a. inability to walk

CHOUSE a. A bust-hodice b. An underground grotto c. To disturb cattle

Arabic numeration

c. Impervious to kissing

b. A hen party c. Gallantry BANDAR a, Monkeys b. A hair band

Solution on page 39



The indefatigable organiser, Chris Dunworth, the mastermind behind the Four Nations Chess League, has created yet another chess competition, the 4 NCL Chess and Bridge International in London. The object of the exercise is to give British players the chance to

play for international master norms in formal contests. After four rounds, the Lewis team leads, with 20.5, over the Sarratt team, who have 13.5. Sarratt and Lewis were both leading British players of the early 19th century. Two games follow from this event, which

is still in progress. White: J Richardson Black D Okike 4 NCL Chess and Bridge

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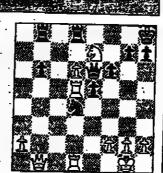
King's Indian Defence

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White to play. This position is from the game Abrosimov -Ambailis, Latvia 1975. The black king does not appear to be in any immediate danger but, with a clever line clearing sacrifice, White proved that this was not the case. How did

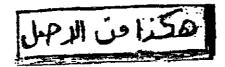




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Jockey appeals against surgery ruling for chance to ride Alderbrook

Williamson awaits knife-edge verdict

THE quest of Norman Williamson to partner Alderbrook in the Champion Hurdle comes to a head on Thursday. when a medical specialist in Reading will determine the fate of his appeal against mandatory surgery to his injured shoulder.

A recently introduced Jockey Club instruction dictates that Williamson must undergo an operation on his right shoulder, which he dislocated for the second time in a fall at Newbury 16 days ago. However, he has appealed against the ruling, as permitted in the regulation drafted by the Club's medical officer, Dr Michael Turner.

Williamson's orthopaedic surgeon, Michael Foy, found in his favour last week but the jockey must successfully obrain a second opinion if he is to ride Alderbrook on March 14. Under the new rule, I should have headed straight for the operating table." Williamson

said yesterday.
"My specialist has cleared me, so it all depends on what happens on Thursday. Obviously I'm hoping for the best. I am in no pain and the shoulder feels strong enough. I rode out twice last week and plan to do the same every day this week, perhaps with some schooling thrown in."

Williamson admitted to a sense of longing after he watched Richard Dunwoody guide Alderbrook to a majestic victory at Kempton on Satur-day, Running for the first time over hurdles in 11 months. during which he underwent minor surgery on both front legs. Alderbrook barely broke sweat in dismissing Mack The Knife and Land Afar in the Levy Board Hurdle.

"It is always a bit worrying to see horses returning after injury but I thought he was very impressive," Williamson said. Alderbrook looked in a different league to his six opponents, among them Right Win, who made mistakes at the last two flights before finishing fourth.

Richard Hannon, who trains Right Win, said the rain-softened ground was against his horse, who will almost certainly be diverted to the Supreme Novices' Hurdle at the Festival. It was a day to forget for Hannon, whose touted debutant, Alriffa, will be off the track for many months after sustaining ten-

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: NORTHANTS (4.10 Newcastle) Next best: Zamhareer (4.40 Newcastle)

don damage in the Dovecote Novices' Hurdle. On an afternoon littered with Cheltenham trials, Vi-king Flagship and Zabadi, both trained by David Nichol-

son, endorsed their reputations with fluent victories. Viking Flagship's season has developed along contrasting lines to that of Sound Man, his principal opponent in the Champion Chase. Whereas Viking Flagship has risen from the doldrums at the right time, Sound Man re-

i am happy enough with him now," his trainer, Edward O'Grady, said "and I plan to work the horse over the weekend." Assuming his presence at Cheltenham, Sound Man's encounter with Viking Flagship and Strong Platinum - the latter surprisingly beaten at Naas on Saturday - has the makings of a classic.

Zabadi confirmed his transformation from expensive misfit to leading four-year-old hurdler with his defeat of Mistinguett in the Adonis Juvenile Novices' Hurdle. Zabadi faces the runner-up on 4lb worse terms at Cheltenham but Nicholson maintained his horse would improve on better ground. Zabadi is a 6-1 chance for the Triumph Hurdle with Hills.

Other Nicholson raiders at Cheltenham include Percy Smollett, whose final-fence blunder in the Racing Post Chase may have cost him the prize. Given soft ground, Per-Smollett is to contest the Ritz Club Handicap Chase.

Barton Bank remains on course for the Cheltenham Gold Cup after running prominently to the home straight but Jodami, pulled up in the Greenalis Gold Cup at Haydock on Saturday, is almost certainly an absentee.

"Jodami gurgled for quite a way, which he has never done before in a race," his trainer, Peter Beaumont, said, "He was not right, although he scoped clean and gave good blood pictures last week.' The race went to Lo

Stregone, who outgalloped Tartan Tyrant in testing ground to earn Grand Natturned lame to Ireland after onal favouritism at 10-1 with Hills. The same firm quote his Ascot victory two weeks Rough Quest, winner of the Racing Post Chase, at 14-1 (from 25-i) for the Cheltenham



Alderbrook and Dunwoody power to a convincing victory at Kempton on Saturday

4 10 Northants GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (CRASE COURSE); SOFT (HURDLES) 2.10 ROTHBURY MAIDEN HURDLE (\$2,789: 2m) (24 numbers) BETTING: 2-1 Celected Rey. 10-1 The Bodd Lund, Decrease Rang, 12-1 St Barelog Lunding, Hobidat, 16-1, others. FORM FOCUS

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Citroën pulls plug on National Festival

POINT-TO-POINT BY CARL EVANS

THE National Point-to-point Festival. which was scheduled to be run at Garthorpe in Leicestershire on April 21. has been abandoned after the sponsor, Citroën, withdrew its backing.

The need to divert funds for the launch of a new car has been given as the official reason. The Festival organisers had no written contract with the French car manufacturers and its change of plan last week did not allow enough time to find

Any future festival now rests on event, which is due for presentation in May, but the organisers reported yesterday that they are keen to resurrect the

Andrew Parker's treble at the Berwickshire meeting on Saturday enabled him

to reach double figures for the season and also to establish a clear lead in the national men's championship.

Riding in the Borders, a part of the country where multi-horse livery yards have yet to become established, Parker's first two wins were for the small stables of Barbara Eggo, who saddled Killeshandra Lass to win a division of the restricted. and Liz Johnstone, who bred and trains Royal Stream, the winner of the men's

This success qualified Royal Stream for the Cheitenham Foxhunters' Chase and affords followers of the sport in other evidence of a working party report of the areas the chance to witness Parker's the efforts of Di Stefano and Guiting talents.

The key to his chances of lifting the national title is the stable of Kate Anderson, who provided the final leg of the treble, Nova Nita in the maiden. Anderson's husband, Kevin, would

normally ride the 12 horses trained by his wife but is sidelined with a broken leg. The two men, who are close friends, nullify each other's chances of ever posing a threat to southern-based riders, who have numerically more chances of riding

Anderson's absence gives Parker, 26, an outside chance of maintaining his lead until the end of the season.

Polly Curling, the reigning women's champion, was out of luck at the Mendip Farmers' meeting, but Alison Dare, a former champion, rode two more winners at the North Herefordshire, thanks to

Gray. The late decision of Tim Jones to attend the Welsh border fixture enabled Robert Thornton to ride Sandy Beau in the men's open at the South Midlands, but they

THUNDERER

Hunt: 1. Sayurs (A Harris, 4-7 Ind. Open Midn I: 1, Bryn's Sicry (Me) (3 Wheeler, 33-11. Open Midn II: 1, Marmny's Cholco (M. Miller, 7-4 (av) Open Midn VI; 1, Ower Ferm (D Dennis, 5-1) Open Midn VI; 1, Missy (M. Felton, 16-1). Laciest 1, My Mellow Man (Miss S Victory, 5-1) Open; 1, The Bird O'Donnell (T Barry, 3-1) Inter I: 1, Space Cappa (Miss V Stephens, 5-1). Inter II: 1, Apatura Hati (P Heritey, 6-2). Contined: 1, Better Future (B Potts, 7-1).

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4.00 STREAT NOVICES CHASE

3.10 RELLINGHAM SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,026; 2m) (19 rumers) SETTING: 9-2 New Ov Value, 5-1 Wild Rose Of York, Jamose, 6-1 Tournation, 10-1 Phillippin, 12-1 Superbot Destinates, 14-1 others.

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3.40 BELFORD NOVICES CHASE (\$3,100; 2m 4f) (11 runners) BETTING: 8-4 Allederr, 9-2 Ingletonius, 7-1 Good Weather, 8-1 Starte Bay, Callestoy, 10-1 Marca's Roscoo, 16-1

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4.10 HAZLERIGG HANDICAP CHASE (£4,585: 3m) (8 runners)

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4.40 ULGHAM HANDICAP HURBLE (£3,534: 3m) (8 numbers) BETTING: 7-4 Zerotuces, 2-1 Collegest Viol. 8-1 Modele, Sareyol, 18-1 Modelen Squire, 12-1 Ezzeljan, 14-1 others.

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Hammond lands six-timer

MICKY HAMMOND, the Middleham trainer, completed a six-timer from 13 runners on Saturday at combined odds of 64.260-1. Marchant Ming and Outset began the sequence at 04.200-1. Marchain lying and Omset began the sequence of Haydock Park, while at Musselburgh, Wise Advice was followed into the winner's enclosure by Master Ofthe House. Elpidos and Royal Crimson. Hammond's conditional jockey. Robert Burns, was due to ride three of the Musselburgh winners but broke his collar bone earlier on the card.

SOUTHWELL 1.20 Sporting Risk. 1.50 Bold Aristocrat. 2.20 Green's Bid. 2.50 Efipetite. 3.20 Square Deal. 3.50 Meltimison. 4.20 Dissentor. 4.50 Dancing Cavaller. Our Newmarket Correspondent

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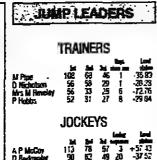
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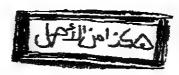
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ATHLETICS

STOCKHOLM (Selected results): Marc. 200m: 1, J Williams (U.S) 20.60eac; 2, 1 Garcia (Cuba) 20.90; 3, G Moon (Nor) 20.94 1,000m: 1, W (Spikeler (Den) 2min 17.08eac; 2, M Haida (Mor) 2-17 17; 3, V Matsilson (Nor) 220.48, 1,500m: 1, H 🖹

Guerroui (Marx) 334,97; 2, C Impens (Bet) 338,65; 3, 8 Zorko (Crot) 346,83,60m hurdles: 1 C Hawters (LS) 7,54es; 2, A Johnson (US) 7,70; 3, E Beto (Cube) 7,73 Women: 400m; 1, 1 Chebylona (Ruse) 51,89es; 2, 1 Trice (Rome) 52,55; 3, M Voronové (Russ) 54,54

RICHMOND. Verginic: World Boding Council and International Boding Federation Junior-middlewelight championship (10rds) Tany Norris (US, Indider) bit Vincent Periwey (US) no Bit. Undersouth Heavy-weight (10rds): Oliver McCall bit Oling Medical bit Cling Council Light-Systems (US) pas. CHACHOENGSAO, Treatmet World Boding (CHACHOENGSAO, Treatmet World Boding (12rds). Service Sor Jeaurong (Treat, holder) of Ardonio Parez (Mex) 4th No. CRESTA RUN

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PRAGUE: World beam qualifying championships: Thomas Qurx Third place play-off: England 3 Holland 2, (D Hall Engl.) bt J van Dait (Hol) 15-12 15-8; P Knowles (Engl.) bt P Febpessy (Hol) 15-8 15-3; P Bush (Engl.) last to C Brail (Hol) 2-15 4-16; C Hunt and N Potting (Engl.) bt P Moratico and G Bruystenia (Hol) 15-10 15-0; S Arthet, and J Robertson (Engl.) last to R Michels and Q ven Daim (Hol) 10-15 16-18, Plant Dermark 4 Sweden 1 Ulber Cup: Third place play-off: England 3 Sweden 2 (J Muggeridge (Engl.) bt C Bengtsson (Swe) 11-7 11-8; J Marm (Engl.) lost to C Magnuson (Swe) 4-11 8-11; A Humby (Engl.) bt M Bang (Swe) 11-4 11-3; Muggeridge and J Brackbury (Engl.) bt M Bengtsson and Borg 15-4 15-10 (Swe); M Bengtsson and Gorg 15-4 15-10 (Swe); N Bed and J Davise (Engl.) lost to Magnuson and C Bangtsson (Swe) 10-15 7-15) Finah Dermark 5 Plusten 0. RED STREPE CUP (second day of lous):
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PERTH: McAllan Skiris Challenge Trophy: Iden: Berni-Breis: K Burtoyi Carl o G Multhaed (Scot): W Smith (Scot) b H McMillan (Scot). Firsk: Burtoyi bt Smith Woman: Finst: A Schopp (Ger) bt K Hay (Scot). COLF

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LACROSSE

MELBOURAS: World Championship, First eliminator match (best of 13 sets) F Füccelh (Australia) teads M Gooding (GBI 3-1 :6-3, 2-6, 6-4, 6-1)

ATHLETICS: Burningham: TSB Schools indicer international: Boys: 80m: 1, A S&ra (Maks) and D Gardon (Eng) 7 20sec 200m: B Levis (Eng) 22.73. 400m: I Loutham (Eng) 50 73. 800m: B Whoodward (Eng) 4.13 12 (maesing second). 60m hundles: L McRae (Eng) 8 60sec. 4 x 200m relay: England Imm 31 98xec Holphiumir G Dynall (Eng) 1 85m (equals: meeting record). Pole usual: R Smith (Eng) 4.50m Long jump: K Krit. Eng) 6 14m Triple jump. J Miles (Eng) 12.78m Short G Allan (Scot) 15 10m (receing record) Maksh result: 1, England 45 5xts. 2, Instand and Sectional 27, 4, Wales 18.5, Gilvis 60m: L Alder (Eng) 7 70sec. 200m: K Carring (Scot) 25 42 300m: E O'Sneo (Eng) 41 46 800m: A Byrne (leg) 20m 15 65sec 1,500m: E Ward (Eng) 4 44 12. 80m hundles: N Hodge-Dellaway (Eng) 80sec. 4 x 200m walay: England Instand 18 25ec High jumps: J Hole: Eng) 1 65m: Long jumps: Hughes (Eng) 5.50m Shot D Marphy (Inst 10 46m Minish result: 1. England 35. 2, Nestand 28: 3, Scottand 24. 4 Vales 13 FOOTBALL: FA Premier Langue under-19 Trophy: Messeysde 4 Durham 1, Northumberland 3 Seaster Manchester Area

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SPEED SKATING POSEMILE, Namescar, World Cup: Meri: Friday; 500m: 1, M Hom (Japan) 37 Bilesc; 2, J Inoue (Japan) 37 09, 3, 8 Nevchenya (Ruse) 37 10 1,000m: 1, Sung-Yul Jaegal, (S Korl Timn 15 31sec 2, Inoue 115 25, 3, A Sondral (Nor) 1 15 64 Setunday; 500m:

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EASTBOURNE: Men's LTA Indoor sat-alite tournament: Finals; Singles: O Stenoylchev (Bul) by V Lukko (Fin) 6-4, 6-4 CMLA-COMA CITY: Women's tournament. Semi-finals: B Echuiz-McCarriy (Hol) bit Lithons-sem; (Russ) 7-6, 5-3, A Coetser (SA) bit C Rubin (US) 6-4, 6-4

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2.26 (2m chl. 1, Villing Flagueh); (A Muzuine, 1-2 lany; 2, Damcarg Packy (13-2); 3, Some Cross (14-11, 5 ran. INF: Young Sniugh: 71, 4d, D Micholson, Toler E1.50; E1.70, E2.30, DE: E2.70 CSF: SA.03

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Ch.18 CSF E15.72.
4.10 (3m ch) 1. Rough Quest (R. Dunstody, 3-1)-Eav; 2. Parcy Smotet (3-1)-H-ea). 3. Egypt Mill Prince (21-1). 9 ran. Mill John J. S. Egypt Mill Prince (21-1). 9 ran. Mill John J. Chesy. Tote: \$3.80; \$1.50, \$1.60, \$2.90. DF \$5.90 frie: \$70.80, CSF: \$11.44. Thoust £131 05. 4.40 (2m 10)q holds (1, See Enough (A. Toxy, 100-1); Z. Male Board (7-2); 3. Seekin Cash & S. H. S. 5.10 (2m Plat) 1, John Drumm (Mr P Scott, 14-1), 2, Marching Marquis (6-1), 3, Warner For Players (8-1) Pacista 4-1 Iau. 19 ran.

NR: Charter, Governor Daniel, Sounds Life Fun. 5t, 3f. P Webber Tota: £11 80; £3 00, £2:90, 54:20, DF; £251 10, Tno. £396.20 £55 £1 n0.16 capot £35,80.

Havdock Park 1.00 1, Marchant Ming (7-1); 2, Daily Boy (7-1); 3, Solettum (9-4 lev) 9 sen. 2.00 1, Output (0-1); 2, Marrier's Ac (16-1) 3, Topide Lad (11-1). Mouse Bird 2-1 Inc. 12 (10-1); 3, Webstern Mar (pas). 11 cpm. ro san. ref Jis Boys. 3.40 1, Spanish Light (11-10); 2, Rityseveronterrele (10-11 line), 3, Chasta (14-1) 4 cart. 4.15 1, Buffer! Minutes! (2-1 line), 2, Kaladicos (3-1), 3, Noble Crangu (12-1), 19 line, MR Gald Folce.

Doncaster 2.10 1, Lince (5-1); 2, Shannoor (50-1), 2, Paver Wye (11-8 km) 20 ran. Paver wyle (17.5 say) 20 ran.
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3. Tough Deal (8-1) Loctrangrain 7-4 libr 7
ran. 4.201, Cheryl's Lad (3-1 tae); 2. New irm (20-1); 3, Star Rage (5-1) 14 ran

4.50 1, Purition (2-1 lavi); 2, Strong Sound (5-1); 3, Rave En Rosa (5-2) 8 ran. 6.30 1, Good Stati (12-1); 2, Anabanch (5-1); 3, Auro-Alco (14-1), Latachberg Express 7-4 lav. 18 can.

Musselburgh

1.15 1, Prizatighter (3-1 p-law); Z. Legal Lord (16-1), 3, Transmicto (5-1) House of Dreams 3-1 p-law 10 ran 1.48 1, Ally Deley (11-8 tax), 2, Send ling (14-1); 3, Judicial Field (2-1) 5 ran 2.15 1, Old Hubits (9-4), 2, Morromen (9-4), 3. Copportural (33-1), Duler Ol Perih 2-1 Inv 7 am 2.45 1. Wiles Advice (7-2); 2. His Way (10-11 tar); 3. Barri, View (14-11 5 ran. 3.20 1. Master Othis House (16-1); 2. Exe (11-1); 3. Glenugie (14-1) Tom Brocks 7-4 tays 8 am. (147), 3. Company (147) (147) (147), 3.50), Epidos (2-1 la/1; 2, Slevy Sequé (14-1); 3. Teypy n'alich (7-1), 7 ran.
4.20 1, Royel Crimon (5-2); 2, Jutran (8-4, p-lay) 3, Troy's Detain (40-1) Personimus 9-4 p-lay 9 res.

Linofield Park 1.50 1, Cell Tophoree (8-1): 2. Niveshit (14-1): 3. North Esit (6-1). Charm Darron 3-1 for 9.50. 9.cm 2.20 1, Prencely Sound (11-8 text; 2, Sunsex Harbour (18-2); 3, Mystons Missake (13-2) 7 2.50 f. Lifec Flan (7-1), 2. Lacybower (3-1 lav), 3. Liffle Scotlett (8-1) / Jan NFI Hamesta, 3.25 1, Errant (2-1 p-ta-); 2, French Ginger (2-1 p-lav); 3, Dordean (16-1), 11 ran. 3.55 1, Crewet 16-4 tav), 2, Loveyoumillons (6-1); 3, Berge (5-1) 7 ran. 4.30 1, Jarresto (7-4 tav), 2, Cotendige (11-1); 3, Yougo (9-2), 'Urran, 5,00 1, Super Berz (85-40), 2, Mask Flower (7-4 tav), 3, Apolio Red (16-1), 7 ran.

SECOND DIVISION: Saturday: Perimend 4 Bromley D Yesterday: Bitalheerts 2 Crostys 3; Brootlands 2 Frebrands 2 City Of Portsmouth 2 Isca 0, Ediploster 1 Claude-ter Cty D; Hampsteed 6. Westminster 1 Beeston 3, Colord Linkersby 3 Doncaster 1; Shelfield 3 Otion B West Visinks 2, Stough 0 Harkston Maggess 0. NASTEO, AZZI SRIGI 1 FACULTS Premier

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NASTRO AZZURRO LEAGUE: Premier League: Anchoriers 2 Chuchester 0; Backerham 1 Ashford 1; Farethern 2 Lons 0; Gore Court 2 Windstadon 2: Meddenheed 3 Bourremouth 1; Newbury 1 Wohrdpan 2; Old Kingstonane 0 High Wycombe 1; Oldord Hawks 8 Did Wistounters 0; Spence 3 Wolding 2; Windhester 0 Leves 1 Hampshint/Surrey: Andover 1 Purity 4; Basingstoke 0 Epacen 1; Blandford 5 Barres 3; Cheem 2 Solem H C. 1; London Unwestily 2 Dulwort 1; Old Charlistynans 5 Old Edwardsens 0; Old Mid Whitghtams 3 Osshott 1; Oldo 0 Old Whofghams 3 Petersfield 3 Comberley 1; Southampton 7; Waton and Weynordop 1; Indian December 3; Bucks and Occord Hayes 7 HCC 1; Natrow 3 ETESSA 2; Mill Hill 1 Hendon 1; Natrow 3

bridge Wells 3, Old Williamsorders 2 Tutale Hall 1: Severosak 3 Bognor 1 NORTH: First division: Formby 4, Hamogate 1; Haltbar 1, Nesson 5, Norton 3, Timperley 6: Sheffled Barlares 1, Southport 1, Warrington 2, Ben Rhydding 1.

DE LEAGUIST: Premier division; Bridgnorth O Belper 1, Hamogran-in-Author 0 North Notias 3: Haltooren 5, John Rayer 2, Revies 5 Blowich 2; Loughborough Student 1 Solument 2, Loughborough student 1
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SUN LIPE WEST LEAGUE: First division
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1 Chellenham 1; Ester Univ 2 Whitchurch 0;
Plymouth 3 Teurston Valle 1, Robinsons 0
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CLUB MATCHES: Chelmstord 1 St Albans
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COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Zone one
(Sheffield) Sheffield Lige 0 Manchester Lige
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CYCLING

PREJUS, France: Tour du Haut-Var (199km, Draguignan to Frejud): 1, B Boudardin (II) 4th 35mm 25mc; 2, L van Bon (Holf), 3, Thoffman (Holf): 4, C Capelle (Fr), 5, J Musseuw (Bel) all same time. ROAD RACES (winners): Fareham Wheelers (Moonstoke, Hampehre, 58 miles): M Rogers (Team Energy) 225-53 Clayson Velo Spring Classic (Bernadoswok, Lancachire, 44 miles): P Curran (Optimum Perlamance RT) 150-30 Mild-Devon CC (Sovey Tracey 37 miles): C Gilman (Mid-Devon CC) 128:40 TIME-TRIALS (winvers): Morth Road CC harddans' (Escandon, Herifordshire, 25 miles): G Buster (Norwood Paragont) 58:22ses: Team GS Metro 3:14:06. Las Valley RC 160-0-0 (Ugley, Esses, 25 miles): A McCaffey and S Howes (Feam Energy) 55:18. Ipswich BC hilly (Otley, Suffolk 25

miles, J King (Pro Carculi) 1:02:11 Constant RC two-up (Devizes, 20 miles) G
Boswel (Bash University CC) and N Hutchings (Vectis RCC) 44:91 Tarkstock Whoellers hilly (Feverstock-Princetown, 18:5 miles) 5 Fewell (Excer Wheelers) 49:26 Chesterfield Coursers hilly (Great Huckfow, Derbysher, 18 miles): P Whittall (VC Hatton) 43:47 Redhill CC Sporting (Dorfung, 16:4 miles): T Stevens (Team 2000) 37:14 Kinaresborough RT hilly (Dallow Moor, North Yorksher, 15 miles): C Ash (Middhidge CRT) 41:50 Andowe Wheelers hilly (Andows, 102 miles): D Axiod (Team Energy): 26:34 Wyre Forest CRC (Combersley, Wordestersher, 10 miles) W Moore (Loo RC) 21:56 Yorkshira CF (Tadcester, 10 miles): D Axey (Featherstone RC): 22:30 Northann Instand CF (Ballyclam-Tamplepatrick, 10 miles) J Boone (South Deny Whoelers): 21:12

TODAY FOOTBALL (ex-off 7.3) unless stated denotes all-licket Encisional Insurance League

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VON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First Resonance Communication First Research Control Briston Rocks v Crystal Pelacer, Telegraphy Wattord (at Kingstonian FC, 7.0), 18thwalf v Queens Part Rangers (7.0); wendom v Portsmouth (at Wilney Town, ONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First di-sion: Notingham Forest v Newcastile 101, Smothed United v Notichester United Un. Second dission: Country v Aston do (70), Mansfeld v York (70). REAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier contaion: Princed v triants scand Families
EMSON WESSEX LEAGUE: Flast dision: Portemouth v Whitehuich

OTHER SPORT ACING: Newcastle (2.13), Pumpton (2.0), suitased (60), 1.20)

TOMORROW FOOTBALL .

FOOTBALL

FA CUP: Fith round replay: "Port Vala v
Leeds (7 45).

ENDS LEIGH INSUPANCE LEAGUE: Firstdivision: Barreley v Millwell (7 45); Cystai.
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(7 45); Brastol Rovers v York: Oxford
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Wycombe (7 45); Strevesbury v Crower,
Stockport v Blackport; Searreles v Volchester,
(7 45); Bury v Wigen; Chester v Colchester,
(7 45); Lay v Wigen; Chester v Colchester,
(7 45); Lay v Wigen; Chester v Colchester,
(7 45); Leyton Orient v Plymouth (7 45);
Prestion v Hereford; Rochdale v Lincoln,
Scattorough v Marsefield; Torquey v
Caroliff (7 45),
SEMI-P ROFESSIONAL INTERNATIONAL: England v Ireland (st Kidder
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BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE First division: Duridee United v Greenock Monton.
Second division: Ayr v Clyde;
Stanhousemus v String.
TENNENTS SCOTTISH CUP: Fearth
round replay: Forter v Airchia. RUGBY LINION Kick-off 7.0 unless stated CIS COUNTY CHAMPIONS P. South

eon semi-final: Middletes v Surrey (at Steines, 7:50). CLUB MATCHES: Carolfit v Bridgend, Maesteg v Danelli, Nevebridge v Porthypool; Pontypridd v Cross Keys: Tondu v Nestin.

OTHER SPORT ACING: Catterick Bridge (1.50); Leiceste 2.20); Lingfield Park (AW, 2.0). (Croydon); Texaso women's Challenge (Southernpton). WEDNESDAY

POOTBALL FA CUP: Rim naund: Userpool v Creation Athletic (7.45); Notingham Forest v Totten-ham Hotspur (7.46). Pith round replays: Southermouth v Swindon; Winholedon v Hudderstield Town (7.46); Chelsee v Combin 27.46) Grandry (7.45).

FA CAPLING PREMIERS Agust Way

Backburn (7.45).

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Outprobles (7 15); Royal Mary v Sumey (at Burnety Rd. Peremouts, 7:30) CITHER SPORT RACING: Taurton (2.0); Wethaday (1.50); Notingham (2.15); Welverhampton (AW. 2.10). 2.10) TENNIS: LTA Men's Salellas Masters (Croydon); Tesseco morren's Challenger Croydon): Tesaco Soultampioni,

THURSDAY . . RACING: Luciow (2.0): Notinghem (1.50); Ungfield Park (AW, 2.10). TENNIS: LTA Moria Safetile Masters (Coydon): Tesaco wonter's Challenger (Southampton).

FRIDAY

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A INTERNATIONAL: Instand v Wyles (et Donnytorosi, 3.0).
UNDER-21 INTERNATIONAL: Issiand v Wales (et Wicklow, 3.0).
CLUB MATCHES: Askesmi v Thurnock (7.30); Bach v Newbridge (7.30); Bishra v Cross Keys; Boroughtruu v Walenfor, Bactol v Newport (7.30); Chellerhiten v Walesti, Cliton v Berry Hill; Essiar v Brisham (7.30); Gala v Northampton: Gaucester v Swanges; Kelso v Berthord (7.30); Lekasky v Hottingham (7.15). Morriston v Llandberry; Wasse v Covernity (7.30).

DITHER SPORT

RACING: Newbury (2.0); Kelso (2.20); Sociemia (AW. 2.10). TENNS: LTA Men's SaleRe Massers (Coydon); Tesaco women's Challenger (Southamption). SATURDAY FOOTBALL

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ENDSLEIGH OCSLENNICE LEAGUE First division: Birmsgiven v Shefseld United. Deby v Huddenflold; Lunn v Crystal Pelsoc; Millerd v Wolvertmerptor, Porsmouth v Charlon. Reading v Westord; Statisvend v Norwich: Statis v Benney, West Bronsuch v Pert Vale. Second division: Boumanouth v Cross Lendy v Healthouse v Sheuschuy; Burnley v Bladdend v York: Beginten v Benney, Burnley v Bladdend v York: Beginten v Benney, V Resistential; Sectroms v Bristol Coy, Westall v Rothschurc, Viterham v Lincoln; Harstand v Northampton; Luylan Quent v Colchester, Maristald v Bernet; Physicall v Rothschurc, Viterham v Lincoln; Harstand v Northampton; Luylan Quent v Colchester, Maristald v Bernet; Physicall v Rothschurchen v Placetall v Rothschurchen v Rothschurch VALDOVALL CONFERENCE: Alsinchant

Southport, Dover v Heister: Ferribouough v Sough, Morecambe v Hedresford, Teilord v Sulylordge, Wolang v Weling, BEIL'S BOOTTESH LEACHE. Framing division: Aberdeen v Klimernoch, Celho v Heints, Mathemal v Feither, Farith v Raht. Plant division: Aside v Dundee in Dundee in Dundee v Dundee in Dundee v Dundeen v V Bernbusemur. Ousen Of South v Choic, Sträng v Bernbusemur. Ousen Of South v Choic, Sträng v Bast Fair, Saymae v Montrose. Third division: Albom v Arbottin, Coudenbeath v Alba; East Swing v Brechin; Livingston v Caley Trits: rling v Brechin, Livingston v Caley ? ics County v Queen's Park. RUGBY UNION FILESET UNITED WHEN THE STREET V Water (a Landower Road, 3.0), Scotland v England (at Numayfield, 9.0)

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COURAGE CLIES CHAMPIONINIP.
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BASICETBALL: Budwesser Lague, Derby v
Thames Valley (8.0): Lecaster v
Binningham (7.30): Manchester v Doncaster (7.30): Worthing v Newcaste (8.0).

BOWIS: Engish women's indeer
championsings (Southampton)

BOSING: World: Boxong Council supermiddleweight championship Nigel Berni
(Utord, holder) v Stutara "Sugar Boy"
Malning SAI: World Boxong Association
super-middleweight championship Frantice
Lias (U.S. todar) v Tim Lates, (U.S.)
(Newcaster Areas). OTHER SPORT

RACING: Newbury (1 01; Doncester (1.56), Lingfield Park (AW, 2.10), Wolveshampton (AW, 7.0). TENNIS: Teraco women's Challenger (Southempton) SHINDAY

FA CAPILING PREMIERSHIP: Liverpool v Aston Villa (4 0) ENDISLEICH INSURANCE LEAGUE First division: Grmsby v Sunderland; ipswich : Laicester: Oldfram v Tranmere BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Promi RUGBY UNION

FOOTBALL

CIC UNDER-21 DIVISIONAL CHAMP-IONSHIP: London and South East v North (at Imber Court, 2:30); South West v Midlands (at Bridgwater) WOMEN'S HOME NATIONS CHAMP-IONSHIP; Ireland v Wales (Blockrock College), Scotland v England (Borough-mun) OTHER SPORT

OTHER SPORT

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Human Rights Law Report

Breach in detention during pleasure provisions

Hussain v United Kingdom (Case No \$5/1994/502/584) Singh v United Kingdom (Case No 56/1994/503/585)

Belore R. Ryssdal President and Judges F. Golcuklu, R Macdonald, A. Spielman, N. Valticos, E. Palm, F. Bigi, Sir John Freeland and P.

Registrar H. Petzold [Judgment February 2]]

The European Court of Human Rights held, unanimously, that there had been a violation of article 5.4 of the European Convention on Human Rights in that the applicants, who had both been senenced to be detained during her Majesty's pleasure, were unable to have the lawulness of their continued detention reviewed by a court. Article 5.4 of the Convention

Everyone who is deprived of his liberty by arrest or detention shall be entitled to take proceedings by which the lawfulness of his deten-tion shall be decided speedily by a court and his release ordered if the detention is not lawful. Section 53(1) of the Children and Young Persons Act 1933, as

mended, provides:
"A person convicted of an offence who appears to the court to have been under the age of eighteen years at the time the offence was committed shall not, if he is convicted of murder, be sen to imprisonment for life, nor shall sentence of death be pronounced on or recorded against any such person; but in lieu thereof the court shall ... sentence him to be detained during her Majesty's pleasure and, if so sentenced he shall be liable to be detained in such a place and under such conditions as the secretary of state

European Commission of Human Rights, as follows:

Hussain v United Kingdom

in 1978 Mr Abed Hussain, then aged 16, was convicted of the murder of his younger brother and sentenced to be detained during her Majesty's pleasure, pursuan to section 53(1) of the 1933 Act. The Parole Board considered whether or not to recommend the

At the first review in December 1986 the applicant had no opportunity to see the reports considered by the board or to appear before it. At the second review in 1990 the Home Secretary rejected the board's recommendation to transfer the applicant to open con-ditions. Again the applicant did not see the reports befor the board and was not heard by the board.

He was not given any reasons for the decisions taken. In December 1992 the board's plicant be transferred to open conditions was again rejected by the secretary of state. The ap-plicant was informed of the decision in March 1993.

The applicant then applied for Judicial review on the ground that he had a right to disclosure of reports. The application was with-drawn in October 1993 following the board's undertaking to re-consider the case and to allow the applicant to see his file. In January 1994 the secretary of

state accepted the board's recommendation that the applicant be conditions.

Singh v United Kingdom in 1973 Mr Prem Singh, then aged 15, was convicted of the rder of a woman aged 72 and

section 53(I). He was released on licence in 1990.

On March 21, 1991 the applicant's licence was revoked by the secretary of state on the recommendation of the Parole Board. The board considered that he had lied to his supervising officers and that the circumstances which had given rise to his arrest for several offences of traud and threatening behaviour showed that it was not feasible for him to

be supervised in the community. The Parole Board accepted representations from the applicant but did not permit him to see various police and probation office reports. On December 19, 1991 the board decided not to recommend

After the new criminal changes had been dropped on technical grounds, the board reconsidered the case but on July 30, 1992 reached the same conclusion. Again the applicant was not shown

On April 7, 1993 the Queen's Bench Divisional Court quashed the Parole Board's decision of December 19, 1991 because of the failure to disclose all the documents to the applicant (The Times April 27, 1993).

The board reconsidered the case. The board reconsidered the case, allowing the applicant to see the reports and to make detailed submissions rebutting the allegations against him but without holding an oral hearing. On June 18, 1993 the board, while accepting that the applicant had satisfactorily explained some matters of concern, decided into to recommend his relative.

In 1994 the board recommended on July 21, 1994 the secretary of

her Majesty's pleasure pursuant to he had not accepted the

Mr Hussein and Mr Singh. applied to the Commission on March 31, 1993 and January 25, 1994 respectively. Relying on arti-cle 5.4 of the Convention, they complained, among other things, that they had not been able to bring the matter of their continued detention before a court satisfying the requirements of that provision The applications were declared adminishe on June 30, 1994.

Having attempted unsucces fully to secure a friendly settlement, the Commission drew apreports on October 11, 1994 in which it established the facts and expressed the unanimous opinion that there had been a violation of the Convention in both cases.

In two separate judgments, the European Court of Human Rights held at follows:

i Scope of the case

In their memorials to the Court, and at the hearings the applicants complained of the secretive and unfair manner in which their tariff period had been established. The Court noted that this partifular complaint was not dealt with by the Commission in its report or admissibility decision. and that, as pointed out by the delegate of the Commission, it was uncertain whether it could be regarded as falling within the compass of the case before the

Court as delimited by the Commis-

intention of the makers was nec-

essarily to relax the rules; it might just as likely have been to lay-down, save in special cases, a strict and clear regime.

The plaintiff had drawn atten

the time limit was precisely com-

parable to the provision for postponement under section 32 in

the case of fraud, concealment or mistake: and in support of that contention had cited passages of the House of Lords decision in Sheldon v R. H. M. Outmatte

sion's decision on admissibility: see, inter alia, Powell and Rayner v United Kingom (The Times February 22, 1990; 1990 Series A No 172 pl3 paragraph 29. In any event, given the fact that

The facts were established by the sentenced to be detained during state informed the applicant that had now expired, the Court did not be treated as having for leited their consider it necessary to examine. that come

> The sence of the case before the Court was therefore confined to the issues under article 5.4 raised in connection with the applicants' current situation, that is post-tariff

> II Alleged breach of article 54 A Whether the requisite judicial coutrol was incorporated in the The central issue before the

Court was whether a sentence of detention during her Majesty's pleasure, given its nature and purpose should be assimilated to a mandatory life sentence or to a discretionary life sentence.

whether the substance of a scoterms of detention under section 33. more closely related to that at the heart of the cases of Waels' v United Kingdom (The Times: March 5, 1987; 1987 Series A No 114) and Thylane, Wilson and Gunnell v United Kingdom (The Statuen V Ditten Kingsom (The Times December 10, 1990; 1990; 1990 Series A No 190) or to that of Wynne v United Kingdom (The Times October 11, 1994; 1994 Series

The applicants had been sen-tenced to be detained during her Majesty's pleasure because of their young age. Their sentences contained a fixed punitive period and an indeferminate term of dentention, which could only be justified by considerations based on the need to reported the public. on the need to protect the public.

Those considerations, centred on character and mental state, had of necessity to take into account any

and attitude as they grew older.
Otherwise, the applicants would

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liberty for the rest of their lives: a situation which might give rise to questions under article 3 of the Convention on inhuman nunishment.

The applicants' sentences, after the expiry of their tariffs, therefore were more comparable to discretionary life sentences than to mandatory life sentences in that new issues of lawfulness might arise in the course of detention, or life licence in the case of Singh, and the applicants were entitled under article 5.4 to take proceedings to have those issues decided by a court at reasonable intervals.

The Court recalled that article 5.4 did not guarantee a right to judicial control of such scope as to empower the "court" on all aspects of the case, including questions of expediency, to substitute its own discretion for that of the decisionmaking authority. The review should, nevertheless

B Whether available remedies

satisfied requirements of article

be wide enough to bear on those conditions which, according to the conditions which according to the convention, were essential for the lawful desembion of a person subject to the special type of deprivation of liberty ordered against the applicant; see inter also Weeks (p.29, paragraph 59; E v Norway (No 1) (1990 Series A No 181 p.2). paragraph 50 and Thunne, Wilson and Gunnell (p30 paragraph 79. As in Thyane, Wilson and Cunnell (p 20 paragraph 60) and despite the new policy allowing persons détained under section S3 the opportunity to see the material before the Parole Board, the Court saw no reason to depart from its findings in the case of Weeks (pp29-33 paragraphs 50-69) that

the Parole Board did not satisfy the requirements of article 5.4. Indeed to the extent to which the

Parole Board could not order the release of a prisoner that was not contested by the government. However, the lack of adversarial proceedings before the Parole Board also prevented it from being regarded as a court or court-like body for the purposes of article 5.4.

The Court recalled in that consext that, in matters of such critical importance as the deprivation of liberty and where questions arose which involved, for example, an assessment of an applicant's character or mental state, it had held that it might be essential to the fairness of the proceedings that the applicant be present at an oral bearing: see, mutans mutandis, Kramzow v Austria 4993 Series A No 268-B p45 paragraph 67).

The Court was of the view that, anoticants," where a substantia term of imprisonment could be at stake and where characteristics stake and where characteristics pertaining to their personality and sevel of mannity were of inportance. We deciding on their dangerousness, article 5.4 required an oral hearing in the context of an adversarial procedure involving legal representation and the possibility of calling and question-

It was not an answer to that requirement that the applicants might have been able to obtain oral hearings by instituting proceedings for judicial review. In the first place, article 5.4 presupposed the existence of a process requirements without the necess

delegate of the Commission, the Court was not convinced that the applicants' possibility of obtaining an oral hearing by way of proceedings for judicial review was sufficiently certain to be regarded assatisfying the requirements of arti-cle 5.4 of the Convention. Recapitulation . .

In conclusion, the Court found unanimously, in both-cases, thatthere had been a violation of article 5.4 to the Convention in that the applicants, after the expiry of their tariff, were imable to bring the case of their continued detention during her Majesty's pleasure before a court with the powers and procedural guarantees satisfying that provision.

III Article 14 (only applicable to The applicant's complaint under

article 14 was declared admissible by Commission but was stater abandoned before the Court. Since no separate issues arose under that provision, the Court saw no reason to examine it of its IV Application of article 50

The court awarded Mr. Huss and Mr Singh £19,000 and £13,000.
respectively. Those sums, which were inclusive of value added tax. were in compensation for legal costs and expenses incurred. The amounts granted by the Council of Europe by way of legal aid were to be deducted, sample interest on the resulting amount being payable at an annual rate of 8 per cent from the expiry of a period of three months after delivery of the judg-

The judgments constituted suf-ficient just satisfaction for the non-permiary damage claimed. All

Court of Appeal

Law Report February 26 1996

Court of Appeal

Higham v Stena Sealink Ltd Before Lord Justice Hilrst and Lord

Judgment February 16j The two-year limitation period for personal injury claims under arti-cle lo of the Athens Convention Relating to the Carriage of Passengers and their Luggage by Sea 1974, as enacted by the Merchant Shipping Act 1979, could not be altered by operation of section 33 of

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing an appeal by the plaintiff, Journe Elizabeth Higham, against the decision of Judge Bernstein at Liverpool County Court on June 17. 1994 to strike out her action for damages for injuries sustained when travelling on a ferry op-erated by the defendants, Stena Sealink Ltd. on the ground that it

Article to of the 1974 Convention, set out in Schedule 3 to the 1979 Act, provides:

"(1) Any action for damages arising out of the death of or personal injury to a passenger ... shall be time-barred after a period

of two years. . .

"(3) The law of the court seised of the case shall govern the grounds of suspension and interruption of limitation periods, but in no case shall an action under this Convention be brought after the expiration of a period of three years...'

Section 39 of the Limitation Act 1980 provides: This Act shall not apply to any action or arbitration for which a period of limitation is prescribed by or under any

Mr Paul St John Letman for the plaintiff; Mrs Elizabeth Blackburn or the defendants.

LORD JUSTICE HIRST said that the appeal had raised an important point in international maritime law in relation to the time limits for actions for damages arising out of the death of or personal injuries to a passenger, or for the loss of or damage to

the court for an order striking out the plaintiff's claim on the basis that the proceedings were issued outside the time limit laid down in. article I6 of the Athens Conven-

The deputy district judge had dismissed the application on the footing that on the proper construction of article 16, section 33 of the 1980 Act | Discretionary exclusion of time limit for actions in respect of personal injuries or death"), and she had then proceeded in the exercise of her discretion to disapply the time-bar.

The judge had allowed the appeal and struck out the action. The basis of the judge's decision, in a nutshell, was that the words "suspension and interruption" in article 16(3) of the Convention were napplicable to section 33 of the 1980 Act, so that the two year timebar in article 10 was effective.

The guestions at issue were: 1 Did section 39 of the 1980 Act exclude altogether the application of that Act to the Athens

2 If not: (a) Did section 33 of the 1980 Act fall within the scope of article 16(3) as being a stipulation

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which governed the grounds of suspension and interruption of limitation periods and (b) If so, did section 33 on its proper construc-

tion apply to the Convention? To succeed on the appeal the rebut the defendants' argument on section 39, but also obtain affirmative answers to both questions 2(a) and (b).

ection 39 The delendants' submission was a simple one, namely that, since the Convention prescribed a period of limitation, the 1980 Act as a whole, and in particular Part II in its entirety, did not apply.

.The defendants drew attention to the footnote to section 39 in Halsbury's Statutes (volume 24 (1989) p695) which listed a number of enactments prescribing special periods of limitation in cases nich might otherwise fall under the 1980 Act. That list did not defendants suggested that that was

an unfortunate omission. His Lordship did not doubt that the statutes listed in Halsbury were excluded from the scope of the 1980 Act by virtue of section 39. Here, however, the court had to give full force to the opening words of article 16(3), which expressly incorporated the lex forl limitation rules in so far as they governed the grounds of suspension and

Interruption.

It was as if article 16(3) read:
The Limitation Act 1980 shall govern the grounds of suspension and interruption of limitation in his Lordship's judgment,

section 39, on its proper construc-tion, could not be interpreted as excluding from the ambit of the 1980 Act that stipulation in the 1979 Act which by its very terms incorporated the 1980 Act to the atent provided in article 16(3).
It followed that the whole of Part If of the 1980 Act was potentially applicable to the 1979 Act, but the court was presently concerned only with section 33, and there was no need to determine whether any of the other sections in Part II would qualify under article 16(3).

Section 33 The plaintiff had stressed the need for giving a broad interpreta-tion to the Convention in ac-

makers. His Lordship fully ascepted that as a general principle; but it did not follow that the

Lord Justice Henry and Lord Justice Pill Judgment November 7] -

antee was that which governed the underlying performance bond.

The Court of Appeal to held, dishrissing the preliminary point in an appeal by the plaintiffs. Wahch Bank, against the desirion of Mr. Justice Clarks on December 21, 1993- in the Queen's Bench Commercial Court that Libyan law applied to their claim against the defendants. Arab Bank plc, for the navment of counter-quarrantees. the plannes had crawn amen-tion to the dictionary definitions of "suspension" and "interruption" in the Shorter Oxford English Dic-tionary. The plaintiff had then, sought to compare sections 32 and 33, and submitted that the pro-vision in the latter for exclusion of the time limit was reconsider.

payment of counter-guarantees.

The dispute arose as a result of three contracts for the sale of air 3. three contracts for the sale of air credit imaged in commercial withing be made under it.

defence equipment. The plaintiffs commercial transaction the letter. His Lordship did not for one issued performance guarantees in of credit was his, or avery rate not amoment reside, even if he could, first demand form to the buyers necessarily, in the commercial. But the recent case sair different land the defendants name or made under it. guarantees in first demand form to

(Underwriting Agencies) Ltd (The Times May 5, 1995; [1995] 2 WLR 570) which, it was suggested, equated exclusion with extension. His Lordship was unable to accept those submissions and fered that the dictionary definitions relied on told strongly against the plaintiff's aroun since they all contemplated a break in a period or course of events winich were presently in train.

Section 33 made no such provision, but on the contrary empowered the court to exclude altogether a period which had already run its course and so could not possibly be treated as a ground on or interruption eligible under article 16(3).

which expressly referred to "the provisions of section 11 or 11A or 12 this Act" as embracing the

tion for the sections specified. His Lordship did not consider that those very plain words were susceptible of so drastic a revision. Lord Justice Pill agreed.

Solicitors: Charles Caplin & Co. for Gregory Abrams. Liverpool; Eversheds Holt Phillips & Buck, Bollet

Convention limitation prevails Relevant law of counter-guarantee

pic Before Lord Justice Staughton

In the absence of express contrac-nual agreement to the contrary, the applicable law of a counter-guartee was that which governed the

However, even if it were so eligible, his Lordship would be unable to construe section 33(1),

The plaintiff recognised that difficulty, but submitted that the court could substitute the Conven-

tween the plaintiffs and the buyers were governed by Libyan law. The obligations between the defendants and the sellers were subject

to English law.

Mr Alastair R. MacGregor, QC and Mr Philip S. Marshall for Wahda Bank; Mr John Jarvis, QC. David Pope for Arab Bank. LORD JUSTICE STAUGHTON said that once

again the court had been asked to determine the applicable law for a suit before the English courts. in Attock Cement Co Ltd v.
Romanian Bank for Foreign.
Trade (1999) 1 WLR 1147), the
Court of Appeal, of which his
Lordship was a member, decided

commercial commercial contract, the sellers, might well wish to have security for the payment find, would become due to them, from a bank in a place and governed by a system of law which would assure. them of payment, eyes if they were not able to obtain that system of law to govern their commercial

Therefore it was decided in Attack that the letter of rateful was not necessarily governed by the same law as the commercial. was that as was ordinarily the cast. with banking transactions, it was governed by the law prevailing at the place where payment ought to be made upder it.

The counter-guarantees were in A letter of credit was an autonomous contract. It did not depend in At any rate, by English law they

else that was going on in the outside world; proof of a demand was sufficient. But they were intimately connected with the A banker who issued a perfor-

would want to ensure that he not no greater risk than the solvency of the bank pusting up his counter-guarantee. He would want to ensure that his right of reimburse-ment was 550 to bed the same as his liability; and a banker who instructed another bank to issue a performance bond poght to, and, in his Lordship's view, would

readily agree to that.

Hence it was that in the absence of any express choice his Lordship had not doubt that the parties intended the counter-guarantees to be governed by the same law as governed the government.

Justice Fill agreed. Solicitors: Gerdaer Weller: Clif-

Efficiency replacement discriminatory

pic Before Judge Clark, Mrs M. S. Sonderland and Mr N. D. Willis [Judgment February 15] A woman who was dismissed

while on maternity leave because the employers found her replacement to be more efficient, was discriminated against on the ground of her sex since, but for her pregnancy, the replacement would not have been engaged, the comparison between their respective performances would not have been made and the applicant would not have been dimensed. The Employment Appeal Tri-bunal so held when allowing an appeal by the applicant, Mrs Heather Rom, from the diaminsal-by a Caroliff industrial tribunal in October 1992 of her claim of sex discrimination, against her employers, Appello Warch Repairs pic. She had appealed on the ground that the tribunal had erred in law in concluding that she had failed to establish her complaint. Mr Pushpinder Saini for the

JUDGE CLARK, delivering the udgment of the court, said that the applicant was a private secretary to the joint managing director. She left on maternity leave on Septem-

During her absence a replacement was engaged. The industrial tribunal accepted that the replace ment was considered to be more efficient. On December 7 the employers wrote dismissing the The industrial tribunal had

nant but because the employer believed she had no commettee right to remits and they had found a replacement whom they considered to be more efficient.

In the Florage of Lords decision in

her 28, 1990.

found that the applicant was not dismissed because she was preg-

Webb v Emo Air Cargo (UK) Ltd. (No.2) (The Times October 20, 1995; it was held that the applicants unavailability for work at a time when she was pregnant was a that could not be present in a man and her complaint of sex discrimination was mobild. In the present case the tribunal

in the present case the unband-found that the applicant was not dismissed simply because she was not available for work through pregnancy. It was distinguishable from Webb's case on its facts. However, Mr Saint submitted that the applicant's dismissal con-stituted direct discrimination.

since but for her pregnancy the replacement would not have been engaged, the comparison between their respective their respective performences would not have been made and the applicant would not have been

The industrial tribonal had reached its concinsion before the Flouse of Lords decision in Webb's case and had applied the wrong test, namely whether the employer would have treated a man differently were he in the same position as the applicant. No such comparison could properly be cause of the applicant's dismissal was her absence on maternity leave and that was discommission

on the ground of her sex. The immediate cause of her dismissal was that the employers found the applicant's replacement more efficient. That was a gender neutral reason in much the same way as the need to find a replacement for an employee herself absent on maternity leave as in the case of Webb. However, the underlying reason was the applicant's ence on maternity leave.

The protection afforded to women on maternity leave would be drastically curtailed if an em-ployer were able to defeat a complaint of direct discrimination by a woman who, during such absence, discovered that the employer preferred her replacement; a state of affairs which had arisen solely as a result of her pregnancy and therefore of her sex.

Solicitors: Duncan . Forbes, Crickhowell: Grossman Hermer Seligman, Cardiff.

Scots Law Report February 26 1996 House of Lords

District licensing boards have a wide statutory discretion

Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle, Lord Slynn of Hadley, Lord Nicholls of Birkenfield and Lord Hollmann Speeches February 22

Determination of the appro-

allowing an appeal by the City of Glasgow Licensing Board from interlocutors dated December 2. Ananoringe and Lord Morison) by which the court allowed an appeal by the applicants. Caledonian Nightchubs Ltd. and recalled the interlocutor dated January 24, 1994 of the Sheriff of the Sherifidom of

uchiehali Street Centre, Glas-

Section 17 of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 1976, as amended by paragraph 6 of Schedule 8 to the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Pro-visions) (Scotland) Act 1990, pro-vides: "(I) A licensing bound shall refuse an application ... if it finds that one or more of the following grounds for refusal, being com-perent grounds, applies to it ... (d) that, having regard to — (i) the number of licensed premises in the locality at the time the application is considered; and (ii) the number of premises in respect of which the provisional grant of a new licence

application." Sir Crispin Agnew of Locknew, QC and Mrs Sarah Wolffe for the Mr Robert Skinner for the

board; Mr Issa Bonomy, QC and LORD JALINCEY said that the

The proposed use of the premises was similar in that in respect of which a provisional entertainment licence had been granted in 1989 but which licence had been allowed to lapse owing to

locality in this case should be regarded as being within a radius of 200 metres of the proposed sed premises and (2) that the number of licensed premis that locality, in particular the existing entertainment licence combined with the sal public house licences and the provisional public Over-provision Sir Crispin submitted that the Second Division were in error in faulting the board for deciding as to over-provision without knowing what lacilities were authorised

authorised under the other enterminment licence. Mr Bonomy countered that submission by arguing that in terms of section 17(1) the board were bound

number of licensed premises in the locality, in particular the enterthe six public house licences and they were also concerned at the scale of the proposed venture. There was no doubt that in adverting to the scale they had in

in its determination as to over-

provision. The relevance of the number of licensed premises was not necessarily confined to ecosomic considerations such as whether demand existed for further premises but could well extend to such matters as the

> Hope) had said: ... a licensing board has had the advantage of hearing many such applications. knows its own area and may be umed to have developed some expertise in assessing problems such as the over-provision of ed premises".

Those observations must apply with particular force to a board sitting regularly and frequently in a large city. The board were kully entitled to reach the conclusion on the ma-terial before them that granting the

applicants' application would re-

Given the number of existing licensed premises within the relatively small area and the scale of the proposed development, the instant case was not one in which there was any necessity for them to know more about the one existing

The board had a discretion to look at facilities authorised by an entertainment licence: see dictum of the Lord President (Lord Hope) in Chung v Wigtown District

Licensing Board (1993 SC 166, 172). But the board were not obliged to examine in a case where it was unnecessary so to do. · · · · ·

Mr. Bonomy argued that a

radius from the relevant premises

could not be a locality for the purpose of over-provision and that it must be some identifiable area such as a street, an area bounded by streets or a square. Before the board the two alternatives were radius of 200 metres provided by the police superintendent and the city centre as proposed by the applicants' agent. The board concluded that to take so large an area would be

impractical and unrealistic. In the Court of Session, the Lord. Justice-Clerk had held, rightly, that they were justified in so Determination of the appro-

priate locality for the purpose of section 17(1)(d) must be a matter peculiarly within the experience and expertise of licensing boards with their local knowleds Accordingly, the board could not be criticised for adopting the 200 metre radius.

Lord Goff, Lord Slynn, Lord Nicholls and Lord Hoffmann greed.

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Caledonian Nightclubs Ltd v City of Glasgow District Licensing Board Before Lord Golf of Chieveley,

A licensing board had a wide discretion granted to it by statute to determine the question of over-provision of entertainment licences in a porticular locality and the relevance of the number of existing licensed premises was not confuted to the consideration whether or not demand existed but it could extend to the impact on the amenity of an area of additional licensed

priate locality was within the experience and expertise of licensing boards with their local knowledge. A board could adopt 200 metre radius to determine the extent of a locality.

The House of Lords so held

1994 of the Second Division of the Court of Session (the Lord Justice-Clerk (Lord Ross). Lord Allanbridge and Lord Morison) by Glasgow and Strathkeivin at Glasgow and remitted the case. tion for the grant of a prov entertainment licence in respect of premises on levels 3, 4 and 5 of the gow was refused by the board. The applicants appealed to the sheriff.

is in force, the board is satisfied that the grant of the application would result in the over-provision

of licensed premises in the locality. and otherwise shall grant the

application to the board complied with all the formal scattery ts and there were no objections before the board who were informed that what was proposed was a night club on three levels providing high class contr-

dance hall on the second level and a dance floor, more bars, sitting on the third level.

A superintendent of police informed the board that within 200 metres of the premises there were 14 other licensed premises: six having public house licences, one having a provisional grant of a public house facence, three having restaurant licences, one having an refreshment ficence, and two having off-sales licences.

the general economic situation. The board's decision letter dated June 29, 1993 containing the re-fusal stated, inter alia, that the board "took the view (i) that the

thouse licence, was sufficient and that the grant of this application, particularly in view of the scale of the proposed venture and the resultant occupant capacity of the premises, would result in the over-

under the other entertainment The board were he contended entitled on the information avail-able to conclude that licensing the huge development proposed by the applicants would result in over-

to grant the application unless over-provision was made out and that there was no material which would have entitled them to reach such a conclusion. In considering over-provision the board had regard to the

mind, inter alia, the number of bars to be provided. Section 17(I)(d) conferred on a licensing board a wide discretion

impact on the amenity of an area of additional licensed premises. In Latif v Motherwell District Licensing Board [1994 SLT 414] 419) the Lord President (Lord

Supermarket giants face a challenge at the checkout

Battle to be first in the queue

are getting harder to longer the sole detergroup's success - good service and convenience are playing increasingly critical roles

Customers are not prepared to travel as far to a store as they did five years ago, are doing more frequent, smaller shops. and often leave their chosen supermarket dissatisfied. This is the world of food shopping. according to Harris International Marketing, a firm of consultants. Itcalculates that every year Britain's supermarke giants do battle for a share of about 71 million grocery shopping trips. Five years ago, Sainsbury

was the undisputed king. It boasted the highest number of customers and enticed there to part with the most cash - a winning combination that ensured its position as Britain's most profitable and largest

But a lot can change in five years. According to HIM, Tesco has been in ascendance for about two years and as a result, the retailer has successfully toppled Sainsbury off the "most popular" pedestal, a position it had held for 15 years.

Tesco's dominance is not expected to be short-lived. Next month. AGB, the market research company, is expected to reveal that Tesco is entering one slot with a market share of more than 21 per cent.

Jeff Harris, Jounder of HIM. calculates that more than 5 million customer household: now shop at Tesco compared with less than 5 million at Sainsbury. This marks a sharp swing in fortunes from two years ago when only 3.5 million shoppers passed through Tesco's doors while more than 5 million visited Sainsbury.

Asda is another winner in the battle for customers with 50 per cent more shoppers visiting its stores than the 2 million of two years ago. compared to Safeway with its static customer base of three

The battle for shoppers is fought on many fronts. Tradi-



Sir Ian MacLaurin, executive chairman of Tesco, has to juggle with customers' demands to keep his company on top

tionally, price was perceived as the key but attitudes have begun to shift. Increasingly been struggling to differenti-ate themselves from their rivals through the services they offer. With this in mind they have been employing a mass of different sales initiatives and promotions to lure customers to their stores.

Sainsbury kicked off the new year with its "January Savers" promotion. Its success prompted it to follow this up up with a "February Bonus" promotion. Saleway responded with a similar promotion but the City swiftly said the manoeuvrings were mere marketing ploys and labelled a "phoney war". The battle for custom also

prompted the arrival of the loyalty card. The cards are now a commimon feature although a year ago, Sainsbury ridiculed the concept when Tesco launched its successful scheme. And customers are being wooed by a string of other service intitiatives such as shorter queue pledges,

creches and dry cleaning. Tesco has also benefited from planned move down market. Tesco has built its traffic up partly because it has returned to its roots. Its profile has moved consistently and markedly down market - as has Sainsbury, claims Mr Harris.

Surprisingly Asda has the most upmarket profile of the lot -- quashing many preconceptions that the chain is predominantly ordinary working class. Of Asda's customers, 47 per cent are ABCls, a sharp rise from the 39 per cent level in autumn 1992. Reflecting the move

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Sainsbury, the percentage of Tesco's ABCI shoppers has fallen from 42 per cent to 38 per cent while Sainsbury's has slipped from 52 per cent to 44 cent, according to HIM. .

Harris believes that a customer's decision to shop at a particular store is dictated more by convenience than price. In its survey, HIM found that 79 per cent of shoppers cite convechosing a particular chain while only 25 per cent are

driven by price. The importance of price varies between the different supermarket groups. Only 14 per cent of Safeway's shoppers mentioned price as a draw to shop in its stores, raising doubts over the success of the group's Safeway

scheme in contrast, price played a key role in the where to shop decision for 27 per cent Asda shoppers, 17 per cent of Samsbury shoppers and 19 per cent of Tesco's.

Mr Harris argues that "shop pers are getting more demand-ing and less telerant. For example the average shopper is not prepared to travel nearly as far as he or she would have done five years ago."

HIM calculates that super-

market catchment areas have shrunk sharply in the past two travelled to a supermarket tore has fallen from 2.6 miles to 2.2 miles. An alternative interpretation is that two years ago the chains were attracting customers from 39 per cent further stield

This means that the pressure is on the supermarket groups to attract a bigger proportion of

stores in order to just stand shopping trips is only a small part of the battle. Convincing people to part with their money once they are there is a

totally different issue.
In theory this should not be too tricky a task as only 16 per cent of customers arrive at a store with a shopping list. The fact that the majority of the population do not go to a shop with a shopping list means they are there to be swayed by the food retailers. Lists tends to act as a restraint on purchasing activity," says Mr Harris.

Tesco has the most opportunities to entice people to part with their money with an estimated 10 million visits from customers every week. This is a significant jump from the 7 million weekly shopping trips Tesco had a year earlier, says Mr Harris. In contrast Sainsbury has st under 10 million we visits to its stores, while Asda is showing sights it may be begin-ning to falter as the number of visits has slipped back to about 5 million having risen to over 6 million a year ago.
The profitability of each visit

varies between the groups. One measure is a store's traffic densities, that is the number of trips made per square foot of space. Waitrose turns in the best performance while Sainsbury's shows what it is possible for Tesco to achieve. For some food retailers, the ratio of customers to floor space has begun to slip as aggressive expansion plans have led to a sharp rise in square footage without a corresponding surge in customers. The pressure on retailers to build their customer bases and simultaneously increase the amount each customer spends is relentless. But there is no denying that Tesco and Asda

are currently the winners. Keeping their crowns will not be easy, however, as Sainsbury and Safeway are working hard at regaining lost; momentum. The one certainty is that giving the customer what they want is a critical factor in all the group's future

Peking ready to honour pledge on Hong Kong

SHANGHAI and Hong Kong are set to emerge as complementary financial centres driving the "new" China after the handover of the colony in June 1997, sources close to

Fears that Hong Kong will be eclipsed by fast-growing Shanghai are unfounded, according to Nellie Fong, a senior accountant close to the Peking negotiators. The Chinese Government is committed to Hong Kong and intends to honour its "one country, two systems" pledge, she said. Mrs Fong, deputy country

managing partner, China, at Arthur Andersen, is advising the Chinese Government on the transition of power. She insisted, on a visit to London where she briefed UK executives on prospects for investment in China, that Peking will make good its word.

Mrs Fong said: "China has out a lot of resources into Hong Kong, and has no. reason to want to ruin it." Since 1978, when China first

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opened its borders to foreign investors, more than 60 per cent of the \$60 billion inwards investment has come through Hong Kong. Some 45 per cent channelled via the colony. which provides work for more than 3 million southern China

Shanghai's potential as a financial centre will be restricted by China's socialist doctrines, Mrs Fong said. Hong Kong, where capitalism will be enshrined for 50 years, will remain the main entry point for foreign investors, and continue to lead southern Chine: Shanghai, two hours away by air; will drive China's astern and northern regions.

Mrs Fong said Chinese companies will be expected to compete on the same basis as Western rivals, However, the sheer scale of the country poses problems for outsiders, who need to define their strategy and select a Chinese partner with common goals

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PETER ELLWOOD, deputy chief executive of Lloyds TSB, will this week assign top management positions to executives of the merged

Mr Ellwood and six retail financial services directors have spent the past two weeks interviewing 80 senior managers for 40 posts. After Lloyds Bank's reverse takeover of TSB in December, Mr Ellwood was put in charge of integrating retail financial services. At the end of January, he appoint ed three Lloyds directors and three TSB directors to the top positions.

A Lloyds spokeswoman said the posts would be filled on merit. She said: "We will not be recruiting on the basis of politics."

Mr Eliwood said that after the appointments, task forces will be set up to look at such issues as where the new sector headquarters should be, whether new information technology is needed and how to maximise distribu-

Ellwood to decide on bank jobs BY PATRICIA TEHAN RANKING CORRESPONSTERA TOUR operators act to avoid discounting summer holidays

TOUR operators could be forced to cut an extra 600,000 packages from this year's holiday programmes to head off a wave of late summer discounts. So far, three million Britons have booked their annual twoweeks overseas. 21 per cent fewer than for the same period in 1995. As a result, operators are downgrading their total sales' expectations by about

packages this summer.
This is in spite of an expensive and concentrated cam-paign to warn consumers that if they fail to book early they could well find it impossible to travel during the peak months

500,000, to below eight million

of June, July and August.

The big six operators —
Thomson, Airtours, First
Choice, Cosmos, Sunworld and
Inspirations — which control 70 per cent of the market, have already cut the number of holidays on offer by 15 per cent. They said this week that further capacity cuts of between 6 and 8 per cent may still be necessary to protect margins

First Choice, the UK's third



Failure to book early could mean the loss of a sun, sea and sand package holiday

shift unsold stock. One analyst

largest operator, said that bookings were 21 per cent down, although the company tried to emphasise that demand for winter bookings were up 22 per cent on last

The City is reserving judg-

ment on the success of the tour said: "Operators are chasing operators' attempt to match margins not volume this time and do seem prepared to reduce capacity. However, supply with demand until after the peak travelling months, having watched last they are still secretly obsessed year as three million holidays with market share and main-

taining their position."

review sales at the end of this month, and said that any further cuts are likely to be carried out before the end of next month. "Whether we take out any more aircraft depends on the pattern of bookings over the next few weeks," he

Going Places, the travel agent owned by Airtours, blamed the poor bookings on consumers' belief that late bargains were still available, although it said sales were beginning now to pick up.
Holders of Airtours and
First Choice shares have had a

rollermaster ride over the past 12 months. The news that Carnival Cruise Corporation, of the United States, is to take just

under 30 per cent of Airtours sent Airtours' stock climbing. Shares closed at 460p on Friday, a rise of 30p since Carnival's announcement on Thursday.

Shares in First Choice have climbed slowly this month after plunging last September, when the group issued a warning that profits would be

Business Links lack quality, **IoD** claims

BY RODNEY HOBSON

MANY Business Links, the one-stop advice centres for small and medium-sized businesses, are failing to provide a quality service, the Institute of Directors says in evidence to the Commons Select Commit-

tee inquiry into the scheme. The right people are not being recruited for the frontline role of personal business adviser, the IoD says. IoD members emphasise the importance of advisers having solid business experience, but many do not have the right background.

Although small businesses support the concept of Business Links, they find the quality of service very mixed. The IoD says it hopes that the current problems are teething troubles.

Business Links provide firms with a single access point to a comprehensive range of local support services. The service is at the heart of the Government's drive to improve the competitiveness of British businesses and to help them to compete overseas. The first two were established in Leicester and Birmingham in 1993 and

by the end of next month there will be 240. Each Business Link is a partnership between organisations such as training and enterprise councils, chambers of commerce, local authorities and enterprise agencies. Some have as many as 12 partners, bringing in universities, dev-

elopment bodies and private

sector organisations. The IoD says it has found problems with the partnerships, particularly where part-ners promoted their own services in competition with the Business Link. Ruth Lea. head of the IoD policy unit, says: "This is causing confu-sion and undermining the rationale for Business Link."

Business Links are expected to generate income by charging firms for their services. The IoD suggests it is not realistic or right for the Gov-ernment to charge small companies for the use of the services, and the Business Links could well be pressured into trying to sell services that were not necessarily needed.

UK politics still threaten the market

ike many markets, glits have recently been in international bonds, with domestic factors largely over-shadowed. Although the direction of international bonds will clearly be important in the months ahead, it is extremely unlikely that domestic considerations will continue to take a back seal.

On the international front, the key issue is whether the rise in yields will go on. Many explanations have been put forward for why there has been a sharp setback, includmay be being loosened too whickly. Each of these has its merits, but it is probably more a case of too much supply, the

sell-off comes after heavy issu-Vince in Germany and the US. There has been speculation as to whether we are seeing a re-run of the US-led self-off

in 1994. We think not. The economic background now is entirely different. Previously, the US faced above-trend growth; now, it is below trend. In 1994, inflation expectations were rising; now, they are falling. Most impor-tantly, US real short-term interest rates were raised in

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1994; now, they are being cut. Most probably, therefore, this bear phase will be short. US yields look especially out of line with the inflation background, which has not been this low for so long since the late 1960s, when long-dated yields were between 4 and 5 per cent. Most probably, these implied high yields will be seen as attractive and, with in-flation likely to stay benign, both Treasury and bund yields

will fall in the year ahead.

Although this will be supportive for gilts, the ultimate givel of UK yields will be determined by the domestic backdrop. At face value, the long egilt yields of more than 8 per cent look impressive, against long-term inflation expectations of 24 to 3 per cent, and might suggest real yields of 5 per cent or more. However, index-linked yields show that real yields are lower, at about 3.7 per cent. The difference represents a risk premium.
This premium reflects the

possibility of a Labour govthat the UK will not take part in EMU. Saying how much risk premium is due to each factor is hard, but a benchmark to compare gilts against is the Danish bond market. Denmark is not too dissimilar to the UK in expected economic performance and is also not expected to participate in EMU. The Danish spread

against hunds is about 125bp, compared with about 165bp for the UK; the difference of just 40bp may therefore largely represent the risk premium associated with expectations ing the reversal of previous associated with expectations yen-based funding of US Tree. of a Labour government suries, hedged fund selling. The question for gits, there-political fears in the US and fore, is whether this political

has a Labour government been fully discounted? We think not. Witness the reaction of gills to the threat of an early general election that came with John Major's temporary resignation as Tory leader last summer ten-vear

spreads against bunds rose by 40bp, only to drop back when the imminent

threat receded. This suggests that there is a time prem associated with the election, which will grow as it nears.

If a Labour government has not been fully discounted, therefore, where should the spread against bunds be when an election is called? In the 1992 election, the spread moved to more than 200bp. It might be argued that the spread should be less next time because Labour's stated policies are less of an inflation threat. However, in the last election, opinion polls were less clear about who might win and the spread probably reflected this. Now, the polls show a clear lead for Labour, which (if maintained) would argue for a wider differential.

A spread to bunds of about 200hp is, therefore, probably a realistic level to look for ahead of the election. This is especially so given that, at £34 billion, the next form the second of the election in the next form the first form the second of the sec gross gilt funding in the next financial year will be up on 1995/96 — not easy in an election year. So, although gilts may gain from a future recovery in global bonds, they are likely to underperform later in the year.

JOHN SHEPPERD AND NIGEL RICHARDSON Yamaichi International

TODAY BRITISH, AEROSPACE, PLC FARNBOROUGH ... HANTS British Aerospace than making an 65,000 lb piece of metal with like a bird. Freedom on the pround is Notes, British Aerospace from site to site and the man on the ground, all tow collaboration improves as Leams become more effective. Sharing knowledge, minute Helping to keep British The power of Notes is the power of shared knowledge.

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WORD WATCHING

Answers from page 33

(a) Inability to walk caused by lack of co-ordination of the muscles. From the Greek a- privative + basis step. "You are perfectly at liberty to take your regulation lunch interval. Chris. But I find your abasia afterwards rather endearing."

(c) To disturb or harry (cattle). American slang, origin unknown.

The round-up boss would let one ride through the herd and chouse, or unnecessarily disturb them."

FRAUENDIENST

(c) Exaggerated chivalry towards women. From the German frauen women + dienst service. "We find neither outright sexual passion nor sentimental frauendienst." BANDAR

(a) The Rhesus Monkey. Macaca mulatta. Also Kipling's nation of monkeys in Bandar-log, from the Hindi log people, hance of monkeys any body of irresponsible chatterers. Children, quiet please, QUIET. Never in my entire career have I met such

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TOMORROW

Interims: Edinburgh Income Trust (Q3), Pfico Holdings, River & Mercantile Smaller Companies Trust, William Sinclair, TR European Growth. Finals: Barclays, Capita Group, Dixon Motors, English & Overseas Properties, General Accident, HTV Group, Domnick Hunter, Irish Permanent, London Finance & investment Group, Scottish Eastern Investment Trust, Sleepy Kids, Telegraph, Union, George Wimpey.

WEDNESDAY

Interims: Henderson Eurotrust, Johnson Fry Euro Utilities, Pacific Horizon investment Trust. Finals: Asea, Alliance Resources, Associated British Ports, BICC, Capital Shopping Centres, The Corporate Services Group, Inveresk, Leslie Wise, Regina, Sema Group, Stan-

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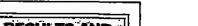
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enomic statistics: Global trade balance (December), non-EU trade balance (January), new vehicle registra-tions (January), final M4 money supply (January).

FRIDAY

Interims: Ecu Trust, Go-Ahead Group, Finals: TF & JH Braime, Second Market Investment Co, Spargo Economic statistics: Purchasing managers' survey (February).





BAe profits cleared for take off

BRITISH AEROSPACE: Dick Evans, chief executive of British Aerospace, is expected to unveil a take-off in profits on Thursday as the benefits of a strong defence order book and reduced civil aircraft losses flow through.

Pete Deighton, at Merrill Lynch, has pencilled in a surge in clean final pre-tax profits to £325 million (E172 million), with a dividend of 12.5p (10p) forecast.

BAe's defence business profitability will continue to recover as deliveries of the Tornado jet to the Saudis start to flow through from the Al Yamamah arms-for-oil deal. Prospects also appear to be

brighter for the four-nation Eurofighter project. BAe should also see benefits after three years of heavy rationalisation, with the group starting to cut losses at its commercial aircraft business, which have been draining strong defence profits. Orders have also been healthy at the Airbus consortium, in which BAe has a 20 per cent stake. The combined civil and military order book is thought to be worth £9 billion.

Mr Deighton said: "The market has been preoccupied with the order book at Airbus, but should be looking at deliveries in 1995." Mr Deighton expects deliveries in 1995 to have risen to \$9.61 billion (\$8 billion).

Further news is also awaited this week on the flotation of the Orange mobile phones network. where BAe has a 31.6 per cent stake thought to be worth about £050 million. The Orange float, expected to be worth £2.7 billion. is due by the end of March.

ABBEY NATIONAL: Attention at today's full-year results from Abbey National, which is Britain's second largest mortgage lender, will be diverted by any comments that the bank makes on renewed concerns about the emergence of a mortgage price war. The Nationwide Building Society last week moved to cut mortgage rates and lift returns for savers.

John Aitken at UBS expects final pre-tax profits to rise to £990 million (£932 million), with a dividend of 22p (17.8p) expected. Market forecasts range from £948 million to £1.05 billion. Apart from current trading and

prospects, news is awaited on First National Finance Corporation, the consumer credit firm



Dick Evans at BAe rejoices as the Al Yamamah deal and savings begin to pay off

acquired last year, and the planned acquisition of National & Provincial Building Society.

HSBC: Strong income growth, fuelled by a recovery in dealing profits and in America, should help HSBC, the banking group that owns Midland Bank, to overcome higher bad debts in Horig Kong. UBS expects final pre-tax profits to advance to £3.6 billion (£3.17 billion), with a dividend of 31p (27p) predicted. Market forecasts range from £3.44 billion to £3.7 billion. Analysts will focus on news of conditions in the Hong Kong and

other Asia-Pacific markets. The bank should benefit from the stronger dollar and limited exposure to the UK mortgage

market. A provision for Eurotunnel is possible.

BARCIAYS: Failing provision charges are expected to see tomorrow's full-year profits from Barclays top £2 billion as the bank continues the process of restructuring its UK and overseas businesses. John Leonard at Salomon Brothers has pencilled in final pre-tax profits of £2.09 billion (£1.86 billion), with a dividend of 25.5p (21p) expected. Market forecasts range from E1.84 billion to £2.17 billion.

Attention will focus on the growth of costs, which are seen as nevitable in the short term as the bank continues to streamline its operations and invest for the future. Barclays is expected to

show a fairly flat performance on the operating line, with net interest income likely to see a small rise after an improvement in personal lending.

GENERAL ACCIDENT: Tomorrow's full-year profits from General Accident should be towards the top end of expectations after good results from other insurers last week, although uncertainty remains over the extent of weather losses. Last year-end's freeze may have hit GA harder than its competitors, as the coldest temperatures were in the Scottish insurer's home territory, Lyonnais Laing is looking for £20 million. A maintained divi-final pre-tax profits of £410 mil-dend of 1p is expected.

casts range from £410 million to £450 million, with a dividend of 3lp (29p) forecast.

SEMA GROUP: The fast-growing Anglo-French systems integration and facilities management group should please the market by reporting an advance in final pre-tax profits, due on Wednesday, to E37.5 million (£29.5 million), according to BZW, with an improved dividend of 5.1p (4.1p) predicted.

BICC: Little good news is likely from the cables and construction group when it unveils final results on Wednesday. BICC said in November that it would have a soft second half, having already posted lower profits at the halfway stage, and said much of the profit would be wiped out by provisions for cables busine restructuring and the sale of UK housebuilding. Analysts expect full-year pre-tax profits before exceptionals to fall to between £95 million and £113 million (E131 million), with a reduced dividend of 12.5p (I4.6p) forecast.

GEORGE WIMPEY: The boilder will be the focus of attention tomorrow for those wishing to hear whether there is any evidence of significant recovery in the UK housing market. The group turned itself into Britain's group turned itself into Britain's biggest, pure housebuilder, through a deal with Tarmac in the autumn, which involved swapping its building materials business for Tarmac's housebuilding side. UBS expectifinal pre-tax profits to have slumped to £16 million (£43-million), with a dividend of 2.9p. (8.73p) predicted.

LASMO: Cost-cutting and new production from British ciliteds are expected to help the cilexploration group to return to the black when it reveals annual

results on Thursday.
The fundamentals will look rosier, thanks to tight debt con-trols and the arrival of new production fields from the North Sea taxed at lower rates than in the past. NatiWest Securities expects last year's net loss of £20 million to be turned into net where it has a bigger than income of £7 million. Market average market share. Credit a forecasts range from £4 million to income of 17 million. Market

Buyers guide to industry

tion of how British industry fared in February, when the monthly purchasing managers' index is published on Friday. The January survey, carried out by the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply, showed the index at 50.2 per cent.

Anything below 50 — where it has been lurking for several months — suggests a contraction of manufacturing so the index. must be closely watched

Official government data reflecting January comes out on Thursday, when the non-EU trade balance and net consumer credit figures are issued. Global trade figures for December will also be released. Con credit is expected to come in at about £700 million, according to economists surveyed by MMS International. The non-EU trade-balance is expected at £550 million and global trade at £850 million.

Much attention is likely to focus on America this week as economists look for figures that may support interest rate cuts. The producer price index for January is expected to show a fall in its underlying rate, maintaining a background of benign inflation, according to Nigel Richardson of Yamaich, and he says that the overalltone of the figures will be consistent with a cut in US rates later in March. According to MMS. US producer prices

are expected to be up 0.4 per cent

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compared with 0.5 per cent the previous month, while consumer prices are expected to have risen 0.3 per cent in January against 0.2 per cent in the previous month. In Japan, the release of the February Tankan will be closely watched. The key quarterly survey by the Bank of Japan will come out against a background of speculation that the recovery is strengthening. The initial focus will be on the Tankan's manufacturing diffusion index, which is expected to have moved from -14 per cent to about -8 per cent, which would take it back to the firmest level seen since the first quarter of 1992. The survey will also be studied for what it says about demand in the goods and labour market. The previous survey showed only a modest im-provement in these areas.

SARAH CUNNINGHAM

The Sunday Times: Buy Dimmick Hunter, Rank: Organisation. The Sunday Tele-graph: Buy Sedgwick: British Aerospace, Morgan Sundall. Hold Sael Board! Jones. The Mail on Sunday: Buy Acorn Group, Wessex Water, International Business Communications, Sell Yorkshire Water The Observer: Buy My Kinda Town, Commercial Union: Self Unilever. Inde-pendent on Sunday: Buy Biotrace, Isotron.

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Healthy debut forecast for Freepages

SHARES in Freepages, a tele-phone directory company, are est in Freepages and we expect a very healthy debut." Heavy expected to race to a healthy premium when they start. trading on the Alternative Investment Market for smaller and growing companies tomorrow. David Abrahams, a dealer at Winterflood Securi-

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demand has prompted talk that the shares may open at about 16p, compared with a placing price of 12p.

There is also huge demand for Easynet, the Internet access provider due to float next ties, said: "We have seen a month at 100p, after MAID, the on-line information suppli-

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Era comes to an end at Fiat as Agnelli quits the driving seat



GIANNI AGNELLI is set to step down as chairman of Fiat this week, marking the end of an era for Italy's largest private company.

At a board meeting on Wednesday, Cesare
Romiti, the current chief executive, is due to be named new chairman. Signor Agnelli has held the the job for 30 years. Signor Romiti will in turn be replaced as CEO by Paolo Cantarella, the head of Fiat Auto, the car division and heart of the group, which will

now be run by Roberto Testore.

This carefully planned transfer of power was fluown into confusion last week by the undignified departure of the company number three. Giorgio Garruzo. He told a newspaper that Signor Rouniti had had him fired. Fiat rode out the storm by maintaining that it had simply decided to do away with his position of chief operating officer.

Signor Romiti will face another storm in his first week as head of Fiat. A Turin court is due to decide on March 5 whether to send him and other Fiat managers for trial on charges of diverting funds to Swiss accounts. The funds Sarah Cunningham on the changes under way

at the top of Italy's leading private company

were then allegedly used to make payments to politicians and Fiat managers working abroad. These factors and a general market nervousness ahead of a general election in Italy on April 21 have put pressure on Fiat shares just as the company was enjoying the fruits of a remarkable turnaround.

Signor Romiti joined Fiat as finance director. He was appointed CEO at a low point for the company in 1976 and is credited with facing down the unions, diversifying into profitable lines, ensuring Fiat's takeover of the prestigious Alpha Romeo marque in 1986 and improving product quality.
But Signor Romiti cannot be other than a

short-term appointment as chairman. He is 72 years old, only two years younger than Signor . Agnelli, and the company's rules stipulate that board members must retire at 75. The obvious successor to Signor Romiti is Signor Agnelli's nephew, Giovanni Alberto Agnelli, better known as Giovannino. He was named as successor-in-waiting in July but Signor Cantarella, 52, is now considered another possible candidate.

The younger Agnelli, 31, is head of the Piaggio motor scooter business which belongs to his mother's family. Although considered too young to run the huge Fiat business, which has combined sales of 70 trillion lire (£28 billion), he has earned a reputation in Italy as a good manager.
Outside Italy he is an almost unknown quantity. Fiat is expected to gradually bring Giovannino into closer contact with the

Analysis have started to warm to Fiat, which is involved in insurance, newspaper publishing and retailing but still principally vehicle production, since the successful launch of the small Punto, a replacement for the top-selling Uno. The firm launched its new model, the three-door Bravo and fivedoor Brava, in Britain last month. Fiat plans a big sales push in the UK this year, a market in which it lost ground in the eighties.

"The Punto was doing well but they needed a second string to their bow and they seem to have produced it with Bravo and Brava," says Stephen Reitman, auto analyst with UBS in London. Philip Ayton, analyst with Barclays de Zoete Wedd, was more cautious: "It is too early to say how successful they are, although the early indications are good." The Punto was launched two years ago and

helped to put Fiat back into profit. The group reported a net loss of 1,700 billion lire in 1993 but last year had recovered to a 1,000 billion lire profit. It predicts a consolidated net profit



Prospectus due from **Orange**

Orange, the mobile telephone company, which plans to float in late March, is to publish a pathfinder prospectus on Wednesday. Flotation is expected to

value Orange at about £2.7 billion and raise about £700 million for Hutchison Whampon, of Hong Kong. and British Acrospace, its two shareholders. The funds will be used to pay off debt and expand Orange's all-digital network.
The shares' price range

will be stated on Wednesday. A price will be set the day before trading starts.

Pay floor 3%

Rises of 3 per cent are emerging as the "floor" for private sector pay deals in 1996, says incomes Data Services. It says almost two thirds are for rises of 3.1 to 4 per cent, with the number of deals under 3 per cent "very small". A third of deals last month gave rises of 3.9 per cent-or more.

Gas criticism Sir Denis Rooke, former

chairman of British Gas. has accused ministers of taking a back seat over in £40 billion of high-cost North Sea producers. He told BBCZ's The Money Programme. I believe the Government has the ma-For responsibility for causing the difficulty."

Divorce call

The Fairshares campaign yesterday urged ministers to end uncertainty over pension rights for divorced women and to let courts split pensions at divorce.

Amber move

An electronic version of the Amber Index, which aims to identify takeover targets and potential crashes, will be available on ICV's TOPIC3 equity information service from March.

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Bombardier decision on bid for ailing Fokker imminent

BOMBARDIER, the Canadian aircraft-maker that owns Short Brothers of Northern Ireland, is expected to reveal as early as tomorrow whether it will bid for Fokker, the ailing Dutch acrospace CORCECTA

Roy McNulty, Shorts president, is scheduled to speak about Bombardier's latest business activities, including its interest in Fokker and its role in making components for Global Express, Bombardier's new long-range busi-ness let at a press conference in Belfast that day.

Fokker said last week that Bombardier and Samsung of Japan, which is also considering a bid for Fokker, would make their intentions known within a few days, Fokker has been looking for

a buyer since Daimler Benz of Germany, the majority owner, withdrew its financial support. last month.

Folker, with debts of \$1.8 billion, is now under court protection from its creditors, and the Dutch Government gave it a £125 million lifeline to keep its operations going at the factory based at Amster-dam's Schiphol airport.

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wings for the Fokker 100 passenger jet, and will do the same for the proposed Fokker 70, a smaller version of the

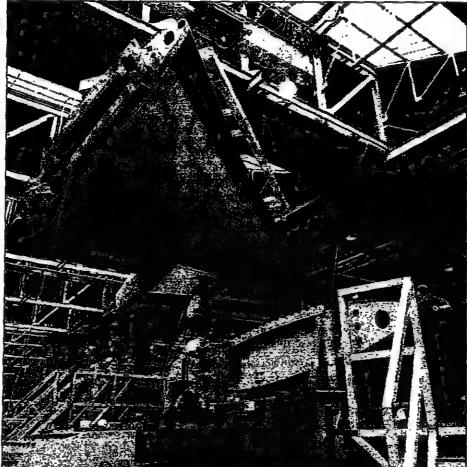
Shorts said that Fokker accounts for more than 20 per cent of its business. If Fokker goes bankrupt formally and production ceases, up to 1,500, jobs in Belfast would be at Bombardier also wants to

extend its range of regional aircraft. Its portfolio includes the De Havilland Dash 8 turboprop and the RJ50 jet. It intends to introduce a stretched version of the latter, called the RJ70, by 2000. If Bombardier buys Fokker,

it appears unlikely that both the Fokker 70 and the RI70 would go ahead. But produc-tion of the Fokker 100, or its successor, would seem secure under Bombardier ownership. Bombardier does not over-pay for acquisitions. Its strategy is to go after lame ducks, as it did with De Havilland and

Shorts, and squeeze govern-ments for handouts in ex-

change for keeping jobs. Bombardier would like assistance from the Dutch Government, perhaps in the form Bombardier has an interest of debt forgiveness, if it is to keeping Fokker alive launch a formal bid for



Wing and a prayer: work on the Fokker 100 in progress at Shorts in Belfast

UK employees reap benefits of works councils

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITISH employees in companies which have ignored the Government's social chapter opt-out and set-up Europeanstyle works councils are already better informed. according to the first survey today of the operation of such bodies in British business.

The Government maintains that there is no need for most UK companies to set up European works councils (EWCs) following the opt-out from the social chapter of the Masstricht treaty negotiated by

John Major.
Increasingly, however, companies in the UK are setting up EWCs, usually to keep their British subsidiaries in line with operations in the rest of Europe. UK employers' bodies are adopting a more pragmatic approach to EWCs. advising companies on how to introduce them, rather than

attempting to oppose them.
But in the first survey of how EWCs are working — by the TUC and the Labour Research Department - a study of trade union representatives on a range of EWCs suggests that employees in the companies involved are already better informed. The TUC, which today starts a

says the councils are "successfully fulfilling their role in informing and consulting workers on a wide range of economic and employment

The survey reveals that companies' strategies and markets were the key areas covered by EWCs, with 79 per cent of those surveyed reporting that such issues are discussed. Company products were high on the agenda (76 per cent), with financial re-sults and investment accounting for 72 per cent. Pay is discussed by only 14 per cent. Financial results took up the most time. Half of those surveyed believe that EWCs should go further and embrace issues such as redundancies and staffing concerns.

Significantly, a growing number of EWCs, even in unionised companies, are representing non-union as well as union workers, John Monks, TUC General Secretary, says the study shows "modern trade unions effectively representing workers, and interestcompanies". He added: "This is fresh evidence revealing just how out of touch the Government is with business needs two-day conference on EWCs and workers' interests."

CD-Rom specialist takes aim

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

FIRST Information Group (FIG), an independent multimedia production company specialising in CD-Roms for the consumer market, is planning to float on the Alternative Investment Market (AIM) and is expected to be capitalised at between £35 million and £40 million when it starts trading next month.

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ness in 1988 and developed it into a multimedia producer, before the operation was sold to the current management team in 1993. After the acquisition, the new management team ex-

panded the company's multi-The enterprise was founded media activities into the production and distribution of its own titles under the

FlagTower brand. The first four titles, including World War I, World War II, War in the Pacific and The Space Race, were launched last Octo-ber. FIG plans to raise £7 million through a placing. The proceeds will be used to reduce debt and fund the development and production of further titles. After the float,

FIG will retain some £5 mil-

lion of cash. AIM report page 40

CMG ready to unveil deal with **Esso UK**

BY PHILLIP PANGALOS

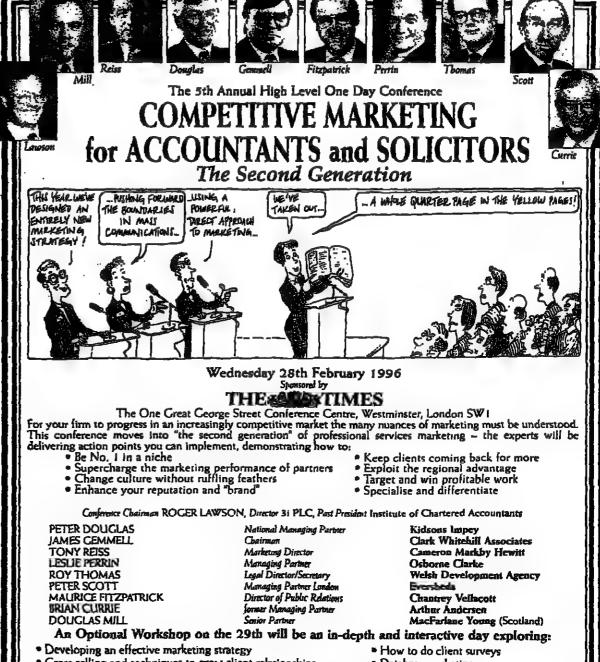
CMG, the information tech-nology services and consultancy group that recently floated on the London and Amsterdam stock markets, is today expected to announce that it has signed an outsourcing agreement with Esso UK, expected to be worth at least £15 million over five years.

Under the agreement, CMG, which is chaired by Cor Stutterheim, will carry out the overall project management of Esso's information technology programme in the UK over the next five

CMG will assume the responsibility for selecting other suppliers to provide complimentary or additional skills as necessary, and for ensuring that projects are delivered on time and within

The agreement is a further development of CMG's declared strategy in the UK of developing long-term con-tracts with leading companies and organisations in its key business sectors. CMG employs a workforce

of: 2,600 in the UK, The Netherlands and Germany. The group's blue chip clients include Shell, British Gas, BP, Unilever, KLM, Abbey National, Legal & General, Schroders. Hambros and the Department of Trade and



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ne American commentator said last week that he would call Pat Buchanan a national socialist if history had not made that so insulting. You can see what he meant. The Republican challenger appeals to those traditionally at different ends of the political spectrum. God's own country, he claims, is being undermined by intellectual liberals, by cheaplabour imports, by foreigners' unfair practices, by Wall Street traders and fat-cat financiers betraying industry. Add the weasel term international capital" and you are straight into anti-semitism as well as anti-oriental prejudice which is

more respectable in America. Sounds familiar, doesn't it. Mr Buchanan is no Nazi but his themes, with local variations, are a common currency of populist movements. They appeal to the led-up, rather than the dispossessed. What makes his ideas interesting, rather than merely worrying, is that they have such growing appeal in America, the rampant top nation, not just in

countries that have seen better days, The American economy that developed in the 1980s and 1990s is the preferred model for Britain, for developing and former Communist countries and, increasingly, even for continental Europe and Japan. Free flexible markets for goods, for capital and for labour revived enterprise and created millions of jobs. They have accommodated relatively steady, pacey economic growth with low inflation and low

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Message for Europe in the Buchanan factor

money interest rates. Deregulation, free trade and monetary control are prescribed indiscriminately by the economic establishments of the IMF, World Bank and OECD along with the budgetary discipline America keeps putting off. Only this way will EU countries tree themselves from low growth and long job queues. Only this way can developing countries build healthy economies and rising living standards. Back home in middle America,

however, an unfortunate side-effect has developed. The level of real income has scarcely risen for 20 years. Many families have therefore seen no gain to compensate for the disruption and insecurity brought by changing trade and job patterns. Workers and middle managers in

manufacturing and process indus-tries expect more of the same. The North American Free Trade Agreement threatens to shift jobs South as US corporations and inward investors opt for lower Mexican wage costs to beat competition from the latest Asian tigers. The drive to cut labour costs buts pressure on company pensions and medical care. That sounds familiar too. In Britain, the "feel-bad" factor is



novel. Only during this recovery has real take-home been left standing while the economy chugs ahead. But there are constant warnings that life is going to get tougher. Flexible markets mean jobs are insecure, so unemployment will stay high, so we cannot afford so much welfare protection. Such is the consensus

among political realists. Rising international competition will force us to cut back on any costs that Asian tiger manufacturers do not bear. They do not have social security, so we cannot afford it any more. Last week, a Joseph Rowntree study concluded that mass unemployment would continue indefinite-

ly unless those in work accept lower wages, higher taxes or higher prices. In Germany, the Bundesbank called for cuts in social security payments and wage restraint to stem unemployment, which has reached a postwar high after three years of economic recovery.

How come, potential Buchanan-ites might ask, that the liberal establishment failed to tell us about this when they sang the praises of the "vital" Uruguay trade round? If free trade makes you worse off. rotection looks appealing. At least, t looks appealing until you count up the even worse disruption and job losses in export and import businesses that a trade war would bring. Growth would be lower if trade was curbed. But need the cost of competition be so high?

The Bundesbank complained of

social protection that makes it financially pointless for a married worker with two children to take a job at less than £270 a week, about 60 per cent more than in Britain. Once job queues grow, spiralling social security taxes on jobs create a ratchet effect. Without destroying protection, taxes and allowances can

expensive and to improve incentives. The second prong of Mr Buchanan's attack is just as crucial. The tigers ape pre-reform Japan, which had high investment and savings, low dividends, secure employment, goverrument direction and far from open capital markets — as well as low taxes. For industrial countries to maintain higher living standards, they must compete better in other ways, such as bigger and better investment, whether in physical assets, medicines or software.

The director-general of the National Association of Pension Funds insisted last week that the only shareholder. The share of profit in national income has grown to levels only dreamt of 20 years ago, when trade union power was at its height. But shareholders in the open Anglo-Saxon economies are failing to encourage even the higher investment normally expected in a wellestablished economic upswing.

Instead, cash is being extracted in dividends that are growing much faster than wages, in one-off special dividends, share buybacks and cash takeovers. That allows funds to shift faster from old to new industries. but too much is leaking away. In the market for capital, the most competitive of all, fund managers, like "fat cat" bosses, are using their new power to resist the shift to investment returns approriate to a low-

inflation economy.

Reforms here will cost far less than the upheaval of Buchananism.

It was less straightforward

to rebuild the reputation of Baring Asset Management, partly because during the administration process, cli-

ents' cash on deposit at the

Barings banking operation

Jonathan Taylor, a director

of BAM, said the fund management arm suffered the defection of clients after the

collapse and again at the end

of the year after a poor perfor-

mance in UK equities. However, he said, improvements in

international performance, particularly Japan and the Asia Pacific region, contribut-ed to a gross inflow of funds of £1.3 billion, limiting the fall in

funds under management from £26.3 billion at the time

of the collapse to £25.6 billion.

Technical difficulties pre-

vented ING restarting futures

and options operations in Sin-

gapore until two months ago. ING had been offered the

option of buying Barings Futures Singapore, but aware of potential liabilities associated

with it, turned down the

option. ING Putures Singapore opened for trade on

December 12. But the securi-

ties business, whose strength

is in the Par East, did not

contribute to profits last year.

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had been frozen.

Better tunes on the piano

The first question you will want answered is whether Micheline The first question you will want answered is whether Micheline Wandor's radio version of Jane Campion's Oscar-winning film uses Michael Nyman's original music. Happily, no. Anthea Gomez's sad musical threads are simpler and therefore more poignant. Otherwise, the three-part serial is faithful to the film except that episode one explains why its central character (Stella Gonet) chooses never to speak. On radio, her mind's voice speaks even more dramatically about her role in the quadrangular relationship involving her illegitimate daughter (Susan Sheridan), her arranged lausband (David Bannexman) and her Jover (Ian Hogg). Believe it or not, the inhospitable New Zealand setting is depicted on radio almost as vividity as in Campion's film. as vividiy as in Campion's film,

Ren Russell's Movie Classics. Classic FM, 7.00pm.

Russell is entitled to his opinion, and so am I. His compilation of music from films that are based on novels has some eccentric judgments. He dismisses Erich Wolfgang Korngold's exquisite Of Human Bondage score as schmalay. Yet he droots over Franz Warman's patently syrupy music for A Place in the Sun. He seriously undervalues The Magnificent Andersons, but makes amends by playing some of Bernard Herrmann's score. I salute him for playing Richard Addinsell's music for Goodbye Mr Chips over which the gentle ghost of Robert Donat forever hovers. Peter Davalle.

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expansion plans. It aims to-build up its US distribution 6.55cm Shipping Forecast (LW only) 6.00 News Bristing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, incl. 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.25, 8.25 Sports News 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Tickle the Public (2/6) 8.58 Weather 9.55 Start to See 1.00 Presented by Melvyn Bragg business, and expand organically in emerging markets especially Latin America and parts of Eastern Europe. Mr Lindenbergh said fund management was another po-

tential area in which ING might expand through acquisition. He said: "The past is behind us." The focus now is: on "seeking bigger volumes and exploiting the synergy between the bank and the 18.00-10.30 Newsy Battling with the Past (Fit only). Floraid Hatton Chert the History quiz 18.00 Daily Service (LW only) from the Chapel of Unity. investment bank".

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12.50 Money Box Live: 12 EE per cent; this year and has a arget of closer to 20 per cent. Mir Lindenbergh aims to capitalise on ING Barings's advisory, continental Euro-pean and emerging markets strengths. But, with its global ambitions, it is facing competi-

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DIARY

IT'S good to talk, but only if the other person speaks English. A survey, Business Abroad, released today by British Telecommunications. claims that thousands of British companies are speechless when calls come in from abroad. Two-thirds cannot handle an overseas sales inquiry, and half would rather nire an interpreter to do business with foreign firms. people questioned for BT could speak an eastern European or Scandinavian language. Only four spoke Italian and just one spoke Japanese.

Media men move

HOLD the front page. The top-ranking media trio Richard Dale, David Forster and Ivor Jones are leaving Merrili Lynch for Salomon Brothers. They are ranked number one by Extel. Institutional Investor. Greenwich Associates the Reuters Survey of UK Investment Analysts and Consensus Research — phew! One of them has other talents, too. Jones, who joined Merrill Lynch only last year, once managed a toy manufacturing business in Sri Lanka.

Between the lines

WATCH OUT. The Inland Revenue is reportedly exercising its right to view board minutes with increasing frequency. Its aim is to see whether minutes pass the "smell test", which, Mark Nichols, tax partner with McKenna & Co, the City solicitors, explains, is all about the hunt for deals with a dodgy feel. "The wording of all board minutes in relation to should be considered very carefully," he says. "A minute failing to concentrate on the commercial benefits of a transaction whilst detailing the tax savings will hardly engender Big Brother's sympathies."

The write stuff

ING Barings Securities stood out for the wrong reasons with its response to a Stock Exchange questionnaire on electronic share-dealing. Other investment houses sent typed observations. Barings managed only a badly spelt scribble including: "Allowing market-makers to deal at better prices than clients is a disater".

How the bank sold for £1 may turn big-bucks buyer

charts the progress of Barings in

the year since its

rescue by ING future of Barings looked bleak. A val-

Liant attempt by the Bank of England to stitch together a rescue had failed. Administrators had been appointed, and the best that Barings could reasonably hope for was a break-up of its three main businesses, corporate finance, securities and asset management, and their sale to new parents that it had

No one in the City would have believed that it would take Barings only 12 months to turn the corner and feel sufficiently confident to say that it had already put the past behind it and was concentrating on fighting for its place in the future.

But Hessel Lindenbergh, chairman of ING Barings, is the one voicing those confident views. Mr Lindenbergh was put in charge of Barings after its acquisition for £1 and a £660 million cash injection to recapitalise the bank by Internationale Nederlanden Groep on March 6 last year. The deal followed two weeks

of intensive negotiations with a host of British, American and continental European banks which were interested in buying all or part of the group that had collapsed after Nick Leeson ran up huge derivatives losses in Singapore. With hind-sight, said Mr Lindenbergh, ING believes that it got Barings at a good price, but then, he added, the Dutch are world-renowned for "paying less and asking for more".

In the first nine months of last year, ING's financial results showed "a modest posi-tive result" from Barings. Baring Brothers, the corporate finance arm, and Baring Asset Management produced positive results, while the performance from the securities business was negative, hit by poor market conditions and restrictions on trading still in place until the end of last year.

Mr Lindenbergh said ING spent the first three months after the takeover dealing with administrative, legal and emotional problems in the wake of the collapse - he prefers to

call it "the incident". After ING took control, Mr Lindenbergh said: "Since it was an asset liability transaction, we really had to build it up from scratch." That means new legal structures, new trading names, new contracts. The bank also had to go through its control procedures, and in COLIN CAMPBELL | June established a new man-





Hessel Lindenbergh said ING believes that it bought Barings for a good price

gement structure which combined the management of Baring Brothers, Baring Securities and ING Capital, and later included ING Research and ING Investment Banking under Mr Lindenbergh's management. Several months later, the newly combined business changed its name to ING Barings and moved to new offices in London Wall.

Part of the change involved the departure of some of the top Barings management, those deemed to have collective involvement in the events leading up to the collapse.

He said there was remarkably little overlap between the two businesses. ING operates in 55 offices around the world. its particular geographic strengths were in Latin America and Central and Eastern Europe. This compared with Barings's strengths in corpo-

rate finance in the LiK and broking in the Far East. One weakness in both ope ations remains in the US. From an early stage, the operations of the two firms were merged, but Mr Lindenbergh said ING may seek to expand in the US,

possibly as early as this year. e said: "There is still a need to expand US distribution capabilities." But he said that in order to expand in the US, the firm realised it needed either to link up with a US house or, more

likely, to acquire one. In London, ING and Barings still each have a banking licence. However, Mr Lindenbergh said that banking business is mainly conducted through ING and "over time we may seek dients' permission to transfer their business from Barings to ING. Barings's corporate finance team, the only part of the bank not to be integrated into ING, main-tains its independent advisory stance and went from strength "both lucky and successful said Mr Lindenbergh.

When the bank collapsed, the comporate finance team was in the middle of defending Wellcome against a £9 billion hostile bid from Glavo, A senior director was dispatched to reassure the client, which was persuaded to remain loyal. A Barings team camped out in the Wellcome headquarters to avoid being distracted by the auction process.

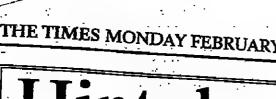
As a result of that, and of its work advising Lloyds Bank on its acquisitions last year, Barings ended last year by topping the City league table for

ING is not disappointed with its acquisition, he added. We feel in good shape. You should always start a marathon saying I am ready for it."

He hopes to prune costs by a



SELFISH, GREEDY, CORRUPT.



THE TIMES MONDAY FEBRUARY 26 1996 Plants but no stunts from lumpy lady Lecter Douglas Hodge, who subtly breaks the Nye rule by being nice when James gave Phil a home wh

prised visitor. You can't hate what you've never loved."

This was The Sculptress last night on BBCI, a strange, sus-tained exercise in Gothic hokum that will perhaps acquit itself with a satisfactory resolution next weekend. However, after its first two parts, shown on Saturday and Sunday, only a mild sense of curiosity is what the viewer takes away. Given that Pauline Quirke has gone to all the trouble of revealing her acting talents — and wearing a hideous bodysuit — this seems a bit of a shame.

Five years ago, somebody murdered two women — Quirke's mother and sister. Quirke cut up the bodies. Now a rather posh writer, Caroline Goodall, is writ-

fying alarm — McTeer always looks as if she's swallowed an orange). Anyway, the two women meet weekly in an improbably dark, scary room, and Quirke wrong-foots her; and basically it's Hannibal Lecter without the physical danger. Weighing 23 stone — with breasts at her stomach and stomach at her knees — Quirke is unlikely to make any lightning movements or hide sharpish on top of a lift.

Anyone watching The Sculptress for an interesting programme about Elizabeth Frink must have been badly disappointed. But there were some good effects, some good acting and some surprises in the script. Christopher Fulford seems to have made a full professional

loved the way our lady writer got her book deal. Her publisher noticed that she needed the money, so offered her a project. "I want it on my desk in three months," said the boss, and named a fancy sum. Wow. It must be great being a writer. Goodall also has a fancy flat with a turret, a fancy car and great jewellery. And she hasn't even started writing yet.

mentioned Quirke's "You can't hate what you've never loved"
because it was rather the
theme of Simon Nye's True Love
on I'V last night. A hilarious and
energetic 60-minute film, written by a chap whose simple trick is to make sure every character gets funny lines, this was a real treat. Donna (Emma Wray) is a nurse,



like Dorothy in Men Behaving Badly. She has thrown out her ne'er-do-well husband Phil (Philip Glenister) for sleeping with another woman - or, as she puts it nicely, poking anything with a handbag. Phil is a big kid with slovenly habits, who regards his LPs as old mates. Their two children are noisy and well loved. And now Donna has met handsome gentleman farmer James

Emma Wray was great as Donna - lively and quick. Showing her his smallholding for the first time, Hodge announced proudly "It still makes me weep sometimes", to which she replied "Oh, it's not so bad". But the star of the film was undoubtedly the bashed-up, selfish comedian Philip Glenister — turning up with a peace offering of Twiglets (*Big bag?"), reading stories to the children in front of Coronation Street. The best pop songs on the soundtrack were reserved for Phil. "I don't know what to wish for," said seven-year-old Shirley on her birthday. "Why don't you wish for Elvis to be alive?" he piped.

Donna enjoyed rejecting Phil. enjoyed encouraging James. "We've got a history!" Phil plead-ed. "So has syphilis," she pointed out. "He won't make you laugh,"

grown marrow - "Thank you"; "It's organic"; "I thought it might be" - Donna saw where she had truly left her heart. James attempted a pun in the car. "That was a marrow squeak." And that was it. She chose the man who thought Roy Orbison was God. And she

part from these dramas, we had An Evening with Spike Milligan on Saturday (ITV), which was unusual for such shows in that all the audience shots showed celebrities actually enjoying themselves. Too often, the sneak reaction shot at these events finds Ronnie Corbett (or somebody) remembering he left the gas on. Milligan told lots of good stories, with funny voices, and the crowd loved him. Quite often we even saw Clive James chuckling,

own production company (Watch-maker) had made the show. Ballykissangel (BBCI) is still the

best Sunday-night confection in a long while, though its title music is too dismissively diddly-diddly. Particularly impressive, and surprising, is its penchant for spectacular accidents. In the first week a confessional tumbled down a mountainside, narrowly missing a bus. Last night a piece of symbolic masonry fell off the church and nearly hit Ambrose, the skinny policeman. This bizarre mishap, involving a goat, a rope, a sand-wich and a mouse, was a lot more believable than the ridiculous pile-

up in Casualty on Saturday.

I meant to write here about the Men's Health season, but have run out of space. So quickly, the upbeat message from Why Men Die Younger (BBC2) was this: castration is not a bad option. I only hope this is helpful.

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2.00 News (Ceetax) and weather (6455428) 12.05pm Turnabout (s) (9906591) 12.30 Going for a Song (s) (48713) .00 One O'Clock Neura (Ceefax) (20404) .30 Regional News and weather (77046688)

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30 Goodnight Sweetheart. Gary is put out when the Americana descand on the Royal Oak (Ceatex) (a) (6978) 00 Nine O'Clock News (Cestex), regional news and weather (7688)

30 Panorame. The programme asks wh measures were taken to prevent the Sea Empress which can aground lest week, from spliting her cargo of 65,000 tonnea of oil into British waters, causing one of British's biggest environmental disasters (Caetax) (445065)

FILM: Bump In the Night (1991) with Meredith Bexter-Birney and Christopher Reave. When a young boy is abducted, his journalist mother sets out in pursuit, aided by her estranged husband. Directed by Karen Arthur (Ceefax) (7961249) N.L.: 10.10 Country Times 10.40 Fil.M.: Bump in the Night 12.10am Film 96 12.40 FiLM: A Show of Force 2.10 Weather WALES: 10.10 A Parent's Guide (368539) 10.25 Nation (897626) 10.35 FILM: Burno in the Night (8324775) 12.05am Film 96 (8440905) 12.35 FILM: Dillinger (7338805) 1.45 News (6858602)

.40 Film 96 with Barry Norman. New film releases including Restoration, with Robert Downey Jr ; Strange Days, with Ralph Flannes, and When Saturday. Comes, with Sean Been and Emily Lloyd (Cestax) (s) (460404)

2 - 2.10 Dillinger (1945, b/w) with Lewrence Tierney and Anne Jeffreys. Gengster movie based on the exploits of bank robber John Dillinger, who is portrayed as a pyschopathic killer. Directed by Max

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5.30 Today's The Day. History quiz hosted by Martyn Lawis (528)

6.00 Space Precinct: Deathwatch. In the first plantwo-part story, disaster strikes the planet After When a meteor explodes directly overhead. (Ceefax) (s) (585249)



Architect Sir Michael Hopkina (7.30pm)

BBC Design Awards 1996 hosted by Miranda Sawyer (775) -..

Horizon: Asseutt on the Male (Ceefax) (s) (451959) 8.50 The Male Survival Guide. James Bolam explains the mysteries of the prostate, and what to look out for when it starts to go wrong (Ceefax) (508249) 9.90 Our Friends in the North. The year is

1984 and the miners are out on strike, forcing Mary and Tosker to confront their policemen son on the picket lines. With Daniel Crafg, Christopher Eccleston and Gina McKee (Ceefax) (s) (2222317)

18.10 The Travel Show Essential Guides.
The spas of Sudapest and amid the backwaters of Kerala in India (Ceefax) (s).
Followed by Women on Men (302125) 10.30 Newsmight (Ceefax) (217539)

11.15 Forever Young — HRT for Men. How. testosterone can help men through their mid-life crises (Ceefex) (s) (356201) 11.45 Holiday Ottlings. Exploring Australia's Northern Territories (f) (s) (534688) 11.55 Weatherview (426824)

12.00 Midnight Hour (s) (26058) 12.30am-6.00 The Learning Zone . CHOICE BBC Design Awards 1996 BBC2, 7.30pm

The ten years since the BBC launched its The ten years since the BBC launched its annual design competition provide a chance to look back as well as forwards, to assess recent trends in design as a trailer for this year's contest which will be screened in June and July. The task is performed by those who will chair the three judging panels. The architect Sir Michael Hopkins is known to cricket fans for the Mound Stand at lord's and to opera buffs for the new house at Glyndebourne. But he is also interested in and to opera buffs for the new house at Glyndebourne. But he is also interested in buildings developed in collaboration with the community. The programme looks at one example, the Huddersfield stadium. Kenneth Grange explains the ideas behind one, of his most famous designs, the Kenwood Chef, while the graphic designer Mary Lewis casts a professional eye over the pumps at her local petrol station.

Horizon: Assault on the Male BBC2, 8,00pm

Deborah Cadbury updates her prize-winning film of 1993 with new evidence of declining fertility in the male species. A planet where man and animals can no longer reproduce is still, happily, the stuff of science fiction. But Cadbury demonstrates that there is a comming body of scientific science fiction. But Cadbury demonstrates that there is a growing body of scientific research to suggest that the prospect is not entirely fanciful. The first signs of what timed into an alarming trend came from the animal kingdom. In America the reproductive organs of turtles and alligators were becoming mysteriously smaller and the same thing was happening to fish, birds and large mammals. Work by scientists in Europe established links with the fertility of man. There is less agreement on the cause. man. There is less agreement on the cause. though the expert finger points at exposure to domestic and industrial chemicals.

Kavanagh QC: True Commitment TV, 8.30pm

John Thew polishes his northern vowels, dusts off his wig and gown and returns as the bluff Manchester barrister. The first series of Kavanagh QC was dominated by big, juicy trials with, as often as not, a wicked twist in the tail. The subplots, mainly concerning Kavanagh's home life, were underwritten and forcertable fart there are underwritten and forgenable. But there are signs that the balance is changing. Kavanagh still has his big case, tonight defending a young anti-race protester accused of killing a neo-Nazi skinhead. But there seems to be an attempt to beef up, the stirmorting dramas. One of these is the silling in the stirmorting dramas. supporting dramas. One of these is the silly but enjoyable humiliation of pompous barrister Jeremy (Nicholas Jones) by a femme fatale. The other involves Kavanagh on domestic angst as his student daughter falls for a married man. And, yes, the court

Classic Ships: Rough Trade Channel 4. 8.30pm

The latest excursion into maritime nostalgia recalls the days when cargo ships were powered by wind and sail and the British merchant fleet was the biggest in the world. The most evocative footage comes from the heyday of the Port of London when, as an old neyoay of the rort of London when, as an old bargeman says, you could more or less walk across the Thames on the merchant ships waiting either to unload or to pick up cargoes. There is also fond recollection of the barges which patrolled the 4,000 miles of the British canal network until the motorways came and the emply many period to believe came and the canals were retired to leisure and heritage. Among the preserved vessels featured is the Vic 56, built to service naval ships in the Second World War. It is notable as one of the last British steamships, a return to the reliable coal-based technology of the Victorian era.

Peter Waymark

6.00am GMTV (2962336)

9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (s) (3643133) 9.55 Regional News (Teletext) (5949249) 10.00 The Time...the Place (s) (1190268) 10.35 This Morning

12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (6451607) 12.30 News and weather (Teletaxi) (3795442) 12.55 Shortland Street (s) (3770133) 1.25 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext)

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7.00 Taiking Telephone Numbers (s) (6591) 7.30 Coronation Street, is Jack prepared to employ Tricia? (Teletext) (201)

8.00 World in Action. Should the judicas system show compassion to mothers who are being imprisoned for nonpayment of lines, rather than move towards a modern-day debtors' jail?



Anna Chaocellor, John Their (8.30pm)

8.30 Kavenagh QC. Return of the legal drama series (Teletext) (46268) 10.00 News at Ten and weather (Teletext)

10.30 Regional News (425171)

10.40 FILM: Besticiules (1988) with Michael Keaton and Alec Bladwin. After dying in a car crash a couple return as ghosts to their larmhouse. When the house is sold to a termity of yuppies, they turn to mischief-maker Keaton to haunt the interlopers cut of the place. Directed by Tim Burton (Teletext) (s) (23928336) 12.25 Bushell on the Box (8) (6458824)

12.55 Football Extra (7937422) 1.40 Customs Classified (3812176) 2.25 international Athletics (r) (475398) 4.15 Music Sox Profile (80341981)

4.30 The Time . . . the Place (r) (s) (31669) 5.00 An Invitation to Remember (r) (76244) 5.30 Morning News (94553)

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7.55 The Slot (735046) 8.00 Screening Reels. Nick Fisher goes fishing for black bream in Wales. Last in series (Teletaxt) (s) (3881)

8.30 Classic Ships. The golden era of the merchant ship

(Teletext) (s) (9668) 9.00 island of Dreams in the last of the series following the fortunes of real-life Shirley Valentines. Dia Garwood has come to terms with Greek lamily life, whereas Anna Vardakastanis is now debating e and her son Theo should locus on life in Greece or return to Britain,



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12.20 FILM: Hush, Hush Sweet Charlotte (1964) starring Bette Davis, Joseph Cotten and Olivia de Havilland A supercharged melodrams about an old, reclusive Southern belle, tormented by the thought that she murdered her trance. Directed by Robert Aldrich (52521028) 2.45am The Other Americas A series

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CNN provides 24-hour news and QVC is the home shopping channel. PERFORMANCE

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Price Waterhouse action against Abu Dhabi over BCCI

By Patricia Tehan BANKING CORRESPONDENT

PRICE WATERHOUSE, the City accountant, has secretly launched a multibillion-dollar action against the Abu Dhabi authorities in connection with the collapse of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International in July 1991.

Price Waterhouse, BCCI's principal auditor, sought High Court approval last year to bring proceedings against the Abu Dhabi authorities, who were the majority shareholders in the failed bank.

Approval was required because the Abu Dhabi authorities are outside the jurisdiction of the English court. A series of documents have been filed with the Chancery division of the High Court, most

recently last autumn.

Price Waterhouse's action is a third party notice, enjoining the Abu Dhabis in a \$3 billion claim against the accountant by Deloitte & Touche, BCCI's liquidators. Price Waterhouse refused to comment on the Abu Dhabi claim. The Abu Dhabis were also unavailable for

Waterhouse is alleged to have failed to detect or report financial irregularities at the bank. Deloitte's action also includes a lesser claim against Ernst & Whinney, now Ernst & Young, which also once audited aspects of BCCI.

Deloitte & Touche initially sought a claim against the audit firms for BCCI's entire net deficit of up to \$11 billion - for alleged failure to detect or report financial irregularities dating back as far as

In the action brought by Deloitte & scaled down to between \$3 billion- & Touche in March 1992, Price and \$4 billion. The two firms are defending the claims vigorously.

The timing of the Price Waterhouse action against the Abu Dhabis is sensitive in view of the fact that the majority shareholders are due to hand over the bulk of a \$1.8 billion compensation deal to the liquidators in April or May, en-abling them to make a first payment to BCCI creditors in May or June.

The Abu Dhabis have always claimed that their portfolio funds of at least \$2.2 billion were used to prop up BCCI's fraudulent activi-

therefore, one of the hank's largest creditors. However, under the compensation agreement negotiated by the liquidators, the Abu Dhabis have agreed to waive their claims over the \$2.2 hillion. They remain creditors in respect of deposits held at the bank on behalf of Abu Dhabi

The \$1.8 billion agreement was approved by the Linembourg court last December, and an estimated creditors worldwide, 35,000 of them in the UK, are least 20p in the pound by May or June, just before the fifth anniversary of the collapse.

BCCI was shut down by banking regulators, co-ordinated by the Bank of England, in July 1991 after the discovery of massive fraud. Last December, the liquidators reported that the \$14 billion liabilties at the time of the collape had been reduced to \$10 billion. Net recoveries of \$3.3 billion had been made since 1991. Deloitte & Touche are planning to release some \$2 billion, including the funds from

retaining the rest to fund lawsuits against third parties. These include Price Waterhouse, Ernst & Young and the Bank of England

A United Arab Emirates appeals court yesterday adjourned the trial of several BCCI defendants until March 13 after it asked for the return of Mohammed Swaleh Naqvi, the former chief executive, from the US. The judge asked the attempt to bring back Mr Naqvi, who was sentenced to 14 years in prison after he was extradited to the US in May 1994.

Bid protection Bill under fire from societies

BY ROBERT MILLER

NEW rules to give Britain's building societies better protection against hostile takeover bids are to be laid before Parliament within the next two weeks, but building society chiefs who want to retain mutual status argue that the new legislation does

not go far enough. Angela Knight, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, said yesterday that the new Building Societies Bill will give societies much greater freedom to extend their business operations without being forced to become stock market companies. They will be allowed to branch out into general bousehold and motor insurance, and make loans to a far wider range of

Mrs Knight said that societies should be free to consider the best interests of the mutual organisation and its members, to whom the society ultimately belongs, "without having to be forced in one direction or another. We want to get rid of any duck shoots on societies."

The proposed legislation comes hard on the heels of last week's disclosure by Nationwide that it intends to give away half its annual £400 million profits to around 7

via lower home loan rates and higher returns on deposits. The Britannia, Bradford & Bingley and Yorkshire have also expressed their intention to remain as mutuals through similar schemes.

Brian Davis, chief executive of Nationwide, the UK's second largest society, said that the move underlined the benefits to members of remaining a mutual instead of becoming a bank: "If Nationwide were a

public limited company we would not be doing this."

Adrian Coles, director-general of the Building Societies Association (BSA), said the new Bill did not go far enough to protect its members from potentially hostile bids. These could come from a variety of financial institutions, including banks, which have expressed interest in acquiring a building society.

The only "sure" way to make building societies less vunerable to predators was for "the Government to take steps to limit the risk of a so-called hostile bid", he said. "It should apply the two-year rule properly and only members of two years standing should be able to benefit in a takoever or merger situation."

The two-year rule in the



Angela Knight, who is preparing legislation to end "duck shoots on building societies"

Business faces extra £500m bill on pensions

BY PRILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITISH business is protesttially higher than ministers, estimated — and is pressing the Government to change its proposals to ease the burden

on companies Leaders of the Confedera-tion of British Industry have privately told ministers that the cost to employers of changes arising out of the 1995 Pensions Act could be in excess of the £300 million origi inally envisaged by the Gov-

ernment — perhaps as much as E500 million. They believe such high costs will hit jobs.

Legal changes arising out of the Act, simed at giving greater protection to employees after high-profile cases such as that involving the the Mirror. Group, will require the estabishment of a minimum funding requirement (MFR) of pension schemes. While employers accept that proper funding of schemes is essential, they are concerned that a balance should be struck between the imposition of "excesunacceptable" levels of risk for pension scheme members. in an unpublished letter to Oliver Heald, the Social Security Minister, the CBI says it is concerned that such a balance has not yet been struck in your latest proposals". Draft: regulations on the MFR circulated by the DSS are currently

being considered by business. Drawing on an analysis prepared for the CBI by Alexander Clay, the actuarial consultancy, the CBI informs the

Government that "the cost of ing to the Government that the the MFR, allowing for the recosts to employers to changes cent changes, could be well in pension law are "substan- over half a billion pounds per

John Cridiand, the CBI's human resources policy direc-tor, says that this is considerably in excess of the £300 million to £400 million envisaged by Peter Lilley, the Social

Security Secretary.

A confidential CBI document says that the "fundamental problem of the MFR is that it "does not reflect the funding and investment strategies of the majority of UK pension schemes". While employers accept that a MFR will lead to art increase in costs, the CBI's paper argues that under the Act, schemes will have to switch from potentially high-return, albeit more volatile, return gilt-edged stocks. Fund-ing will have to be increased to ensure a high contingency

reserve or surplus. According to the CBL most pension schemes invest about 80 per cent of their assets in equities "because they have edged securities and are expected to do so in the future" The CBI adds that the Govern ments proposals are "unnec essarily conservative — a factor that adds imnecessarily

to employers costs.

Business leaders are calling on the Government to revise upwards its estimates on equity returns and are seeking talks with ministers on what they see as the "political issue"

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Levi Strauss boss goes for a tighter outfit FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

profits come from overseas.

Since 1985, total sales have gone from \$2.6 billion to \$7 billion, while profits, which hit

\$700 million in 1995, have broken records for each of the

LEVI STRAUSS, the world's largest clothing manufactures and maker of the famous 501 eans, is poised to announce one of the largest leveraged buyouts in recent years that will turn members of the Haas family, which controls the company, into some of America's richest individuals. Robert Haas, who has run

spent in legal fees by various

societies on interpreting the

two-year rule. We want the

Government to ensure the

long-term health of building

societies by making sure this

rule is properly enforced."
He added: "Selling out mu-

tual status just because some-

one is offered £500 or

whatever is not the way to

decide a building society's

future. That is for long-stand-

ing members who have been

loyal to the society, and not

fust the carpetbaggers."

the San Francisco-based combine for 12 years, and several close relatives, will spend about \$4.6 billion to buy back shares they do not already own. The scheme values the company at close on \$14 billion. Under the terms of the deal, Mr Haas will be allowed to buy \$70 million worth of shares for

buyout is complete he will be worth more than \$1 billion. While the company advertised its jeans in 1900 as being "for men who toil", the image has changed over the past 20 years in the wake of international expansion and the cre-

ation of the jeans as a fashion

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less than \$250,000. When the

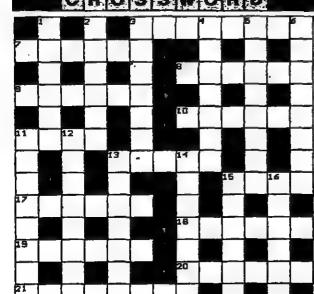
The image of Levi jeans

past five years. The aim of the buyout is to concentrate ownership within one part of the Haas family, direct descen-dents of Levi Strauss, the Bavarian immigrant who anded the company 145

Over the years, ownership has become dispersed between about 200 family members. The buyout will concentrate 75 per cent of the shares with Mr Haas, his uncle and two cousins. It is the second phase of a process that started in 1985 when an earlier buyout led by Mr Haas bought theres back from the public.

The move has caused a row within the family because Rhoda Goldman, Mr Haas's aunt, with a 12.4 per cent stake, claimed that the \$265 per share offer price was not enough. Since her death recently, it is not clear what action her family will take.

However, even if they do not accept. Mr Haas is set to gain control under the terms of the



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'No big losses' for Soros fund

BY ROBERT MILLER

SOURCES close to Quantum far this year". Fund, the investment enterprise led by George Soros, the financial speculator, denied reports yesterday that the enterprise faces substantial

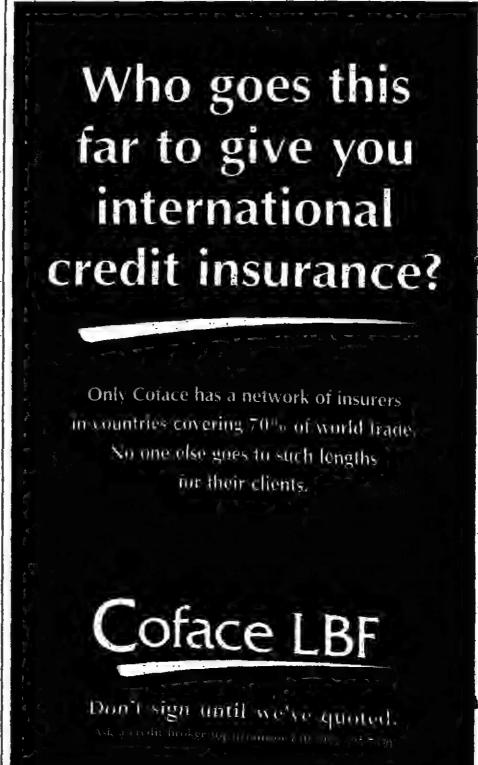
losses on Wall Street. Mr Soros, who made \$1 billion when he bet against sterling in the currency crisis of 1992, was said to be facing losses on a similar scale as a result of long positions taken US bond market has promptin the bond market. Sources ed nervous selling of the fund's shares, which have that declined to be identified yesterday emphasised that the

fund was "practically flat so Hungarian-born Mr Soros,

62, was rumoured to have correctly anticipated a fall in US interest rates. He is also reputed to have gambled on a rise in the dollar against the yen, accompanied by a rise in bond prices. However, bond prices have fallen sharply. Speculation over Quan-tum's potential losses in the collapsed by almost 40 per cent in a matter of weeks. At the start of February, shares in the fund stood at \$33,096. On Friday they closed at \$20,740, a drop in value over the month of \$1.6 billion.

Mr Soros suffered a serious reverse in the financial markels two years ago. On St Valentine's Day

1994, Quantum admitted to losing \$600 million after an unsuccessful bet that the



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Clinton dilemma bi over Bo after Cuba shoots down two aircraft

From Ian Brodie in washington and David Adams in miami

PRESIDENT CLINTON'S lop defence and foreign policy advisers gathered at the White House yesterday to try to determine if two Cessnas flown by four anti-Castro ex-iles had deliberately ventured into Cuba's air space before they were shot down by two Cuban MiGs on Saturday.

Cuba admitted the attack, which, it said, lasted seven minutes, but added that it took place only five to eight miles from its coast, well within Cuban air space. But Brothers a to the Rescue, which organised the flight, insisted that the Cessnas were on a routine humanitarian mission well outside Cuba's 12-mile limit.

Cuban exiles demanded a swift and harsh response from Mr Clinton, and Pat Buchanan, whose Republican presidential campaign is on a roll said President Castro of Cuba should be warned that his entire air force could wind up

at the bottom of the Florida Straits if he continued to shoot down civilian aircraft. Washington officials con-

firmed that the Cessnas ap-parently ignored a US warning not to fly south of the 24th parallel, which lies more than 40 miles beyond Cuba's 12-mile territorial waters. US officials also conceded that cavalier Brothers to the Rescue Cessna crews had in recent months been goading the Cuban authorities by flying into their air space. On one occasion, the Cessnas dropped anti-Castro leaflets along the length of Havana beach.

Mike McCurry, the White House spokesman, said the Cuban and American Governments had repeatedly warned the pilots about their provocative tactics. Before taking off from Miami, the Cessnas had filed flight plans that did not mention Cuba as a destination. Had they done so, they would have been prevented from leaving.

If the Cessnas were in fact in the wrong, and had intruded into Cuban air space, Mr Clinton's options might nornally be limited to stern repetitions of this condemna-Florida primary a little over

two weeks away and Republicans and Cuban-Americans baying for action, he may feel it necessary to do more than merely protest.

One non-military option open to him would be to take another look at a Bill in Congress that would tighten the US embargo of Cuba by extending US economic sanctions to foreign corporations doing business in Cuba.

The Bill has provoked diplo-matic protests from Britain and other nations where comparties would suffer. Until now Mr Clinton has been unenthusiastic Guided by conservative Republicans, the Bill has passed both houses of Congress and now awaits agreement on a final version. His opponents could push forward with the Bill in the coming days and put Mr

Witnesses on cruise ship

Milami: Passengers on a cruise ship that sailed by the scene of the Cuban air attack said the small private planes were instantly blown apart in the incident, Miami television WSVN-TV reported.

Passengers on the Majesty of the Seas cruise liner returned to the port of Miami yesterday morning. and said they were horzified by what they saw. "A manile hit the aircraft and just blew it to pieces. There was hardly any wreekage, any debris, just boom and it was gone in a paff of smoke," one unidentified inger said. Another inger sold the television station: They just appeared out of nowhere

Video film taken by one midentified passenger on the ship, which was saffing more than 20 miles off the coast of Cuba, showed clouds of black smoke on the horizon. The pictures

Clinton in the awkward position of seeming to pamper Señor Castro by threatening to veto it. A degree of his dilemdrawn from the top-level cast summoned to yesterday's White House meeting.

Relations between Cuba and America are, as usual, in a state of flux. Mr Clinton has eased some travel hans and there is a growing feeling in business circles that the US trade embargo has outlived its usefulness and that US firms should be allowed to return to Cuba before all the best contracts are snapped up. Besides. US businessmen argue, an expansion of the Cuban economy would be a means of loosening Señor Castro's grip on the country.

The boisterous exile com-

munity in Miami, traditionalgenerous with political donations disagrees. They say only tougher measures will work against a regime that remains unregenerate and brutal. They have seized on the shooting down of the Cessnas to bolster their case.

"No aircraft could be less threatening than the ones they used," said Robert Torricelli, a Democratic congressman who has flown with Brothers to the Rescue on their former mission of searching for rafters escaping from Cuba. They've made these flights for years and are well known for being humanitarian," he said. US Coast Guard headquar-

ters in Miami said yesterday that it had not found any trace of the Cessnas since two oil slicks were spotted late on Saturday about 20 miles from the Cuban coast. We're going to be out there

all day searching, and then we'll review our plans at nightfall," said Petty Officer Mark Mackowiak. The Cesanas took off a week

after an opposition group calling itself the Cuban Conciliation was denied permission by Cuban authorities to hold a unity rally. As many as 40, members were arrested. This weekend, Granma, Havana's official newspaper, reaffirmed

Republican rivals ride to showdown in badlands of Arizona



Pat Buchanan speaks from the steps of the courthouse in Prescott, Arizona, during a rally of Republican supporters

Border town fails to rally behind Buchanan's immigration banner

FROM TOM RHODES IN NOGALES ON THE US-MEXICAN BORDER

SOUTH of Tucson, where the western Sierra Madre picks up the ragged end of the Rocky ountains, lies the dilapidated border town of Nogales and the possible key to Pat Buchanan's success in Arizona.

The town, whose sprawl of cheap boutiques and depressing motels straddles the Nogales Pass leading to Mexico, has become one of the foremost channels for illegal immigrants entering America and a target for the Republi-can presidential candidate.

During a drive to win Arizona's primary tomorrow on a message of protectionism. Mr Buchanan has rarely missed a chance to name Nogales as the root of all evil, a staging post for the shipment of cocaine and illegal aliens to America — a symbol not merely for the poisoning of teenagers, but also for wasted welfare payments.

show arrived in the conserva-

tive stronghold of Prescott, five hours' drive from the border and 60 miles south of the Grand Canyon, the firebrand commentator quickly warmed to his theme. He criticised the failures of the North American Free Trade Agreement, the Mexican "bailout" by the Clin-

is soaring ... go down to Nogales and see for yourself." This, apparently, is a visit he has never been prepared to make himself. Invited many times, Mr Buchanan has neither replied nor been willing. it seems, to confront its largely

been told illegal immigration

6 No one has the right to walk across the borders of the United States of America with impunity ?

ton Administration and, of course, the iniquity of illegal immigration.

"No one has the right, because they've got a lousy Government down there, to walk across the borders of the United States of America with impunity," said Mr Buchanan, sporting a cowboy's black trademark in Arizona. We've described as Buchanan sup-

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Mexican population. "We've telephoned his office and sent dozens of faxes over the last nine months inviting him to come," said Brendan Fitz-Simons, publisher of the Nogales International newspaper. "He's never coming here. He hasn't got the balls."

Certainly, the people of No-

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porters. If elected to the White House, he has promised to introduce a five-year moratorium reducing annual rates of legal immigration from 888,000 to 233,000. "He is a racist who is no good for America," Alfredo Ruíz, partner in a mattress shop, said. You can't stop people coming. From California to Texas people know they need to let immigrants in. They need us

for their own economy."

Since California passed Proposition 187 in 1994, to eliminate benefits to illegal immigrants, Nogales has become a main route for "wetback" Mexicans seeking work in America. The town has earned the title "California's side door" and, although the border patrol says arrests dropped to 3,094 in the first two weeks of this month, less than half the number caught the previous February, thouragged boundary.

Campaign coffers run low for Dole

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER

THE race for the Republican presidential nomination took another bizarre turn at the weekend with news that Robert Dole is dangerously close to reaching the federal spending limit and the top-tier candidate in the best financial health may be Pat Buchanan.

The Senate leader has had no trouble raising funds. His problem is that he has spent hugely on staff and advertising but failed swiftly to lock up the nomination. He faces an unexpectedly protracted battle that may last well into the spring, and has already spent all but \$5 million (£3.25 million) or \$6 million of the \$37 million limit imposed on candidates receiving federal

In more bad news for Mr Dole, Steve Forbes won Saturday's Delaware primary. This was hardly a surprise as Mr Forbes alone campaigned in the state. Mr Forbes, from neighbouring New Jersey, at-tracted 33 per cent, Mr Dole 27, Mr Buchanan 19 and Lamar Alexander, the former

Tennessee Governor, 13. Mr Dole originally believed he could secure the nomination with resounding victories in this month's lowa caucuses and New Hampshire primeries, but that plan went disastrously awry when he only squeaked home in the first and lost the second. Moreover he had to spend far more than planned to counter millions of dollars worth of negative advertisements from Mr Forbes.

Mr Dole's campaign has far higher overheads and is far more dependent on advertising than his rivals', and he must now fight 30 primaries including the giant states of Florida, New York, Texas and California this month with less than \$6 million.

Mr Buchanan has raised a mere \$12 million but operates in an entirely different fashion from Mr Dole. He has no costly consultants, polisters and advertising men. He lives off the land, depending primarily on endless intertelevision stations.

Opposition leaders held in Dhaka

FOUR senior op osition leaders were arrested in Bangladesh yesterday, nine days after a violent general election shattered hopes of democracy in a country for most of its life accustomed to

Chitragong, the main port, has been

closed since Saturday because of clashes is fighting for survival. Turnout in the between supporters and opponents of the general election was 10 per cent. mostly Government, which was re-elected in a poll boycotted by all main opposition parties. Forty people were injured yesterday when government supporters broke through the strike lines of pro-opposition crowds in Chittagong.

Five years after the first free election in the country's 25-year history, democracy

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because thugs roamed the streets at the opposition's behest. Commentators have suggested that the armed forces may be be forced to step in.

The political stalemate looks set to drive the country into greater chaos, severely hurting the fragile economy and scaring

Mandela writes off rumour of ill-health

PRESIDENT Mandela has addressed concerns about his health and increasing perceptions that he is indispensable to South Africa's future sucpaper article.

Writing in the Johannes-burg Sunday Times yesterday Mr Mandela said he felt "on top of the world" and laughed off "wild rumours" about his inmulment death. Tales about his ill-health dated back to his days as a prisoner on Robben Island, he said. He also sought to play down his significance in South Africa's recent success by suggesting that he was just a player in much larger game. Under a headline "Don't

praise me to damn the rest". Mr Mandela said the South African people, investors and politicians were aware of his retirement after elections in 1999, yet there was confidence in the economy and South Africa's future. He added: "A ridiculous notion is sometimes advanced that Mandela has been exclusively responsible for these real achievements of the South African people, particularly our smooth transition."

The President's Office said the article was prompted by the worst run on the rand in history and concerns about the impact of unbalanced hero-worship in the media. Last week's panic was triggered by an ambulance out side Mr Mandela's office. called for a security official who had stipped.

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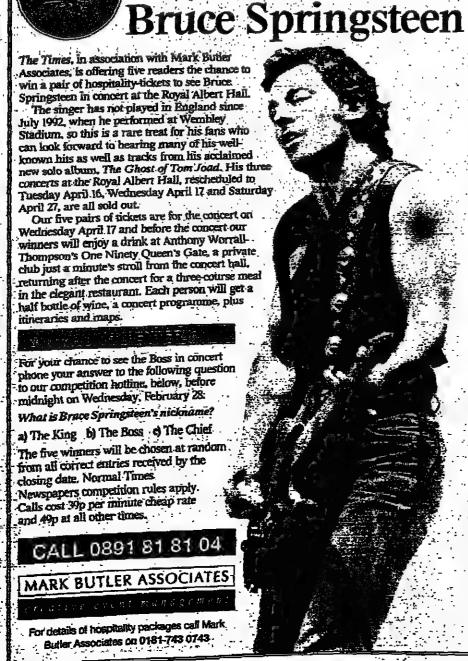
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he last time the choreographer David Bintley got together with the composer Paul Reade and the designer Hayden Griffin the result was the hugely popular full-length ballet Hobson's Choice. This time the three of them have used the same ingredients — a well-known, very English story, a literary source that became a famous

film, a cast of colourful rustics - and are no doubt hoping for a similar success. Although their new Far from the Madding Crowd for Birmingham Royal Ballet is not quite so appealing as Hobson's Choice, it looks as if the collaborators have

done it again. Moré The story of the strong-willed West Country farm owner Bathsheba and the three men who com-

pene for her love is

told over three acts

with a good deal of narrative detail, and a good deal of padding. The crowd The costumes are flattering, their scenes, of assembled shepherds, earthy tones enlivened by the bold red thatchers, dairymaids, farmers and fishermen, go on far too long, indulg-ing Bintley's undoubted talent for

folksy characterisation. One cannot imagine the characters in Thomas Hardy's 1874 novel being quite so clean or quaint as they are in Bintley's tame adaptation — indeed, you would be hard pressed to pick up the scent of sheep on Gabriel Oak, even at the shearing supper in Act I. This Weatherbury seems to be inhabited by people who somehow manage to go about the dirty business of farming without actually getting their hands or their smocks - dirty.

Passions are similarly muted, except for some wonderful moments of high melodrams. The best is Sergeant. Troy's heart-stirring removes at the death of Fanny Robin; the servant who was carrying his illegitimate child. In a ... fit of wild desperation at the sight of.

farewell kiss and then lashes out at Bathsheba, his still-loving wife. But Bathsheba herself - like all the main characters - is underwritten: her appearance at the local Corn Exchange, for example, designed to cause a minor sensation among the gentlemen farmers", lacks a beguiling sensuality.

The choreography is familiar Bintley terrain, but with added comph to the key pas de deux, especially the first encounter between Bathsheba and Troy, which announces the destructive nature of their relationship in a brute coupling. Elsewhere, though, attempts at sexual daring end

up looking crude rather than suggestive, more like embarrassed fumblings in the dark. Griffin's realistic

designs are simple yet strong: a rough-hewn timbered structure serves as the framework for every scene. earthy tones enlivened by the bold red

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of the cavalry officers' dress uniforms. Reade's score is accomplished and energetic, nicely attuned to the narrative requirements. And it was extremely well played at the Saturday matinee by the Royal Ballet Sinfonia, with Peter Ernst Lassen in the pit. Best of all is what Bintley's ballet -

does for the acting strengths of his cast, and for that reason alone it deserves its place in the Birmingham repertory. Kevin O'Hare really outdoes himself as the nasty Sergeant Troy, David Justin is brilliant in the final reconciliation between Gabriel Oak and Bathsheba, and Yuri Zhukov, as a charismatic William Boldwood, provides the best chemistry of all Rathsheba's lovers. Monica Zamora's dark-eyed heroine is winsome, all she needs now is a little more charisma of

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ed by Tripitaka Theatre Company, begins with mask work. Creating one of the evening's most powerful moments, Heng peels a grotesque paper face off his own, tearing its Chinese features down the middle. He then proceeds to pull enaggerated expressions

himself, not a happy clown.
Heng nips defrly between performance styles. One minute he is a camp comic. then, turning his back, becomes his father's ghost, a hulking, almost-operatic figure. Meanwhile, following in the footsteps of the original Journey to the West, the script cuts between prose-poetry about bright stars and satirical send-ups of British snobs.

are emerimental, the cultural observations seem basic for

too long. Journey West starts to grow darker and more intriguing at its close, but before that, the alternating comedy and sadness just play across the surface. SWINGERS are the boys

who hang themselves in prison. Ashmeed Sohoye's new play, a three hander deservedly transferring from the Grace to the Old Red Lion, Islington, is about the frustration, aggression and despair that develops in a young offenders' establishment.

There is a single, fleeting visitor's session, played as one-sided alienated conversa-

tions. That apart, we never leave the breeze-block cell which Hussein, a wised-up joyrider serving what he hopes are the last days of his sentence, suddenly has to share. Simon, a mentally simple and unstable new arrival, is an arsonist who has had no warmth in his life.

Sohoye shows the two rubbing each other up the wrong way. But he also denicts friendship, albeit volatile. For all the personal and racial gulfs between them, they come to protect each other. The real troublemaker is

Sparks, the corrupt screw who presses home his twisted fondness for Simon ('you remind me of my son") while being bent on wrecking Hussein's life because the latter is a "Paki" and in the governor's good books. Hussein is also smart enough to best Sparks

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demeaning treatment while remaining clearly unbroken. Nabil Elouhabi gives a beautifully relaxed performance as Hussein. The viciousness of Geoff Bell's superficially affable Sparks is horribly quietly played. Sohoye has an ear for real

speech. More startlingly, this play proves a smooth blend of docudrama and comedy. Ricci Harnett's nerdy Simon launches absurdly into slow karate moves, referring to the handbook in between.

Croucher has coased confident performances out of his cast, but the intimacy between the two boys might be explored more sensitively. Harneu's psychotic tics need fine-tuning while all three characters' flashes of anger might be sharper. That said, downplaying the dramatic contrasts makes this grey world the more worryingly everyday.

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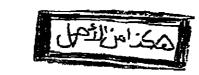
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The symbiosis of film and fashion is celebrated at the NFT this week. Joe Joseph gets dressed up

Still a giant step behind

THE stage gets very crowded during a James Carter performance. In the space of an hour be wheels on a score of big-name saxophonists of the past 50 years. Don Byas, John Coltrane, Illi-Ammons, Eric Dolphy, David Murray — they, and many others besides, line up for their guest spots in the young virtuoso's stream

Few young saxophonists are as fluent in the vocabulary of jazz hist-ory. On his new album The Real Quietstorm he goes a step or two further, adding bass clarinet, baritone saxophone and bass flute to his armoury. Byas's 1944 Bill Doggett's Eventide and an obscure sliver of Ellingtonia on The Stevedore's Lament. In the current period of consolidation, when the Marsalis generation are more interested in being cura-

> James Carter Rhythmic

tors rather than creators, Carter runs his own ten-

cran

And a stimulating place it is too; there are no cobwebbed corners here. This is old music played with a young man's lungs. What was disappointing about his Rhythmic set was that he so flatly ignored the observation ' makes on the sleeve of his album: "With far fewer notes and a slower pace, you have to pull back and think even as you forge ahead." The long undifferentiated stretches of hard blowing, sustained notes and clever quotations soon grew self-defeating. Carter gives the im-pression of a man who is

starting to believe all the record-company hype. cissistic edge to this display. He will have to learn to accept, for instance, that members of the audience are free to talk quietly between numbers. The great players of the past had to put up with much greater. indignities. When he finaily played a tenor ballad, Carier deployed a gorgeous tone at both ends of the register, yet he could not resist indulging in sardonic bleats and even broke off all together as if to suggest that he could think of better places to be. He is a very good player, but not yet the giant he thinks he is. To paraphrase an old quotation. Ben Webster drunk is better than James Carter

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Tailor-made for Hollywood

ing couple? Elsa Schiaparelli thought so. What Hollywood designs today," she purred, "you will be wearing tomorrow," although, of course, nobody had even an inkling of Barbarella back then. And what influence there is has not all been one way: while Saint Laurent, Chanel and Armani have all cut clothes for the movies, and while Joan Crawford's and Clark Gable's shoulder pads were copied in every high street, the truth is that Hollywood mirrors as many fashions as it inspires.

But either way, it has been a fruitful marriage. You need only look at all the film plots that have been plucked from the fashion world: Stanley Donen's Funny Face and Hitchcock's Rear Window both feature fashion models (Audrey Hepburn and Grace Kelly); Antonioni's Blow Up. focuses on a fashion photogra-pher, in The Bitter Tears of Petra von Kant, Petra is a possessive fashion designer; Robert Altman's recent Pret-d-Porter is one long squint at the fashion world.

As for Jerry Schatzberg's Puzzle of a Downfall Child, it not only traces the life of a top fashion model (Faye Duna way), but the film marked Schatzberg's directorial debut after his successful first career as a fashion photographer.

So, a fruitful marriage, then. But fruitful enough to merit a season of fashion-related movies in London? The National Film Theatre thinks so.

The clothes people are wearing, and how they look, is a central feature of many films," says Peter Wollen, who is curating the NFT pro-gramme, called Unsippedi-Film and Fashion. "Fashion contributes to the look of the files But it also affects your judgment about them is altered by the clothes they wear. Hitchcock, who acted almost as a personal dresser to his characters, had very strong opinions about what his stars should wear."

Wollen, Professor of Film at UCLA and also a film-maker, says that ever since the 1910s. when fashion shows were filmed as shorts for supporting programmes by Pathé and others, or inserted into gloomy newsreels to liven up the footage, haute couture and

AFTER two hugely successful

albums of very personal and

very captivating songs, Tori

Amos has, she says, made a

bid for artistic freedom. The

result is her new record, Boys for Pele, which boasts lyrics

that rattle chaotically across

the language, chased by a



Pretty as a fashion plate: Jerry Schatzberg's 1970 film Puzzle of a Downfall Child traced the life of a top model, played by Faye Dunaway

Hollywood have picked each

other's pockets. Clothes designers have always been aware of the commercial rewards of working in Hollywood. Givenchy made Hepburn's costumes in Furiny Face, Mary Quant designed Charlotte Rampling's "Swinging London" wardrobe in Georgy Girl, Videl Sassoon cut Mia Farrow's hair for Rosemary's Baby, and Yves Saint Laurent dressed Catherine Deneuve in Luis Buriuel's Belle de Jour. Coco Chanel worked on Alain Resnais" *Last*

Year in Marienbad and Re-

noir's La Règle du Jeu. Nino Cerruti had a hand in Faye Dunaway's outfits for Bonnie and Clyde. Ralph Lauren launched the "Annie Hall look" when he kitted out Diane Keston. In Paul Schrader's American Gigolo, panning across several shelves of Richard Gere's Armani wardrobe. Cerruti has draped his fabrics over everyone, from Robert Redford in Indecent Proposal to the stars of Fatal Attraction, Pretty Woman, The Silence of the Lambs and Basic Instinct. Peter Greensway's The Cook, The Thief, His Wife and Her Lover was Jean Paul Gaultier's calling card into the movies.

All of them benefited from exposure on the screen. Armani is almost a uniform among wealthy Hollywood folk. James Acheson's awardwinning costumes for Dangerous Liaisons even spawned a range of "Dangerous Liaisons lingerie".

But designers also acknowledge Hollywood's influence on them. Gaultier says: "Ben Hur, Gone with the Wind, The Wild One have all had an an entire scene is devoted to

impact on my collections, and the cinema has continued to affect style as late as Bonnie and Clyde and Once Upon a Time in the West." Giorgio Armani, who also designed the clothes for Brian de Palma's film The Untouchables, says he has loved the films of the 1930s and 1940s since his the local cinema provided the length and breadth of the locals' entertainment, and cin-

 outside fashion* Maybe it was just coinci-dence, but Wollen points out that many of the men who created the Hollywood dream factory came from the world of women's clothing, though it was known as the garment industry rather than couture and it stood several rungs below the empires of Schiaparelli and Chanel. Adolph Zukor was a furrier who made the cash he needed to invest in the film business by making a speculative killing in red-fox pelts. Sam Goldwyn was a glove salesman. Louis B. Mayer was a used-clothes dealer. The Warner brothers' father, Benjamin, was a cobbler who made his sons' father owned a tailor's shop.

"I do think this had an influence in the 1920s, when there was a taste for flambovant costumes," says Wollen. "Studio heads loved to see these sumptuous, over-the-top costumes. Particularly in the age of silent films, the costumes said a lot."

The 14 films being shown in the NFT's season include Unzipped!, the semi-fictional, flyon-the-wall-style account of an Isaac Mizrahi show, and David Byrne's stunningly-costurned True Stories, which blurs the distinction between fiction and documentary. Anything missing?

I couldn't find any film with Issey Miyake costumes. and to me he's the great designer of our times. That's my big regret. He's done theatre, but not films. You'd using Armani in American Gigolo, might have used Miyake in his Mishima film. but he used Eiko Ishioka instead. There are no John Galliano movie designs, or

Comme des Garçons, either." But even film fans can be influenced only so far. You do not find many cinema devotees working overtime to save for a Woody Allen

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- OPERA

A shot from the lip

THE Greek mezzo Markella Hatziano has at last appeared as Verdi's Amneris, the role intended for her Covent Garden debut. Cancellations and defections forced the Royal Opera to shuffle the pack of available singers at the start of the year and Hatziano began by being drafted into Samson et Dalila, where she per-formed with considerable

Playing Dalila and Amneris back to back is inadvisable, especially for those who sing at full throttle as she does. But Samson is now over and Hatziano takes up position in

She adds ballast to the cast Rodney Milnes described earthis month. She has a formidable chest register and is not afraid to exploit it to the

· Aida Covent Garden

full, arms akimbo like an energetic copper on pointduty. It recalls the extrovert singing of Cossotto and Gorr; nothing wrong with that. Amneris and Aida (Andrea Gruber, a soprano not short of a few decibels) go at one another in Act II, squabbling over the body of Radames like a couple of grandes dames. And grandes is the word.

She also let rip in the Trial Scene, giving a bit too much to begin with, so there were signs of flagging at the close. But she covered this up well. An Eboli from Hatziano in Don Carlos could be exciting.

Broad gestures are the order of the evening. Sidwell Hartman's Radames is forceful and not very lyrical, Greg-ory Yurisich's Amonasto full of fury. Norman Bailey's King cially against Robert Lloyd's suave Ramfis. No doubts

about who runs Memphis. The conductor, Jan Latham Koenig, had his moments. especially in the big ensembles. But some of the individual playing was scrawny after the glories Mackerras achieved in Semele on Monday. There is plenty of raw energy in this Aida, but those hold on for another day.

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voice in the grip of a wild array of emotions it can make for an inspiring ride, but it also risks collapsing into selfindulgence as the melodrama.

gets the better of the melodies. Her new tour (the quaintly named "Dew Drop Inn" tour) takes the same gamble; she is a brave performer. Apart from the occasional appearance of guitarist Steve Caton, who adds some gentle sound effects, Amos spends nearly two hours alone on stage, flanked only by her piano and

harpsichord.
She begins with Beauty Queen and Horses from her

Tori Amos

Songs from her earlier records — Crucify or

Regent, Ipswich bling notes are interrupted by thumping chords, and are accompanied by singing that rushes from breathy hesitancy to full-throated assurance. The music seems to follow the cracked logic of private thoughts.

latest album. The rolling, tum-

Comflake Girl - retain a surer structure, but they, too, are given an extra passion as she straddles the plano stool. one leg stretched back as if awaiting the starter's gun.

This passion is, however, strangely enigmatic. While your ears are regaled with the brittle beauty of her playing, they are also assailed with some very weird lines: "I'm just coming out of the cell in my brain" (Little Amsterdam) or "She thinks she's Kaiser Wilhelm or a civilised syllabub" (Mr Zebra).

She, too, retains an air of mystery. She says little between songs, and her face remains in partial shadow. She is lit from above or from the side, while overhead swirling patterns or strange images are projected onto a triangular screen. We are left to sit and wonder at her feelings as she sends her voice through the spiralling flights that provoke those inevitable comparisons with Kate Bush, Joni Mitchell

It is all the more extraordinary, then, when she breaks out of her solipsistic eccoon for Me and a Gun, the true story of a rape. She turns to face the audience, and sings unaccompanied a gentle folk tune. Her understated anger is so direct that it is we who want to look away and hide in the shadows. It is as chilling as it is brilliant.

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IN THE fourth of the 14 programmes in his continuing Bruckner/Mozart series with the London Symphony Orchestra, to which an extra repeated programme has now been added on March I, Sir Colin Davis stepped aside from the mainstream of Bruckner's symphonies to focus our attentions on his "Zero Symphony" or Symphony No. 0, of which the composer

wrote on the score, "only an attempt. Totally invalid". Since it came back into circulation (and recording). however, it has been shown not to deserve such a putdown. Certainly on this occasion, Sir Colin made a persuasive case for our enjoyment of it on its own terms, which are those of an emerging musical personality already beginning to establish itself. Maybe there is evidence of Bruckner treating his ideas like musical building blocks, not lacking in character so

much as in construction. One Brucknerian has likened it to "overweight Rossini", but to my mind there is more in common with Schu-bert and Mendelssohn, the JOHN STREET | latter in particular in relation

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to a jolly scherzo movement, a beguilingly languid trio sec-

dante suggested the composer was uncertain of his way, the affecting writing for wood-wind was a delight in this performance, as were the strenuous orchestral efforts to make the most of big unison effects, contrasted with dancing triplets in the finale.

The conductor took a generally broad view of a work which acknowledges its antecedents without either treading or trading on them too heavily. It may have been only an "attempt", but it is one that is worth our acquaintance in relation to more familiar

In contrast, familiarity with Mozart's A major Violin Concerto (K219) on the part of the soloist here. Anne-Sophie Mutter, bred certainly not contempt but too much of a kind of easygoing contentment, without trace of fizz, even in the "Turkish" episode. For all its elegance, a good

deal more zip was needed from both soloist and orchestra, such as one heard in the opening overture to Mozart's La clemenza di Tito, endowed with a spirit and character that made one regret Sir Colin was not conducting more of the opera, preferably all of it.

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Anjana Ahuja reports on the attempt to copy a chemical that could cure cancer

rare compound, find out it is a possible cure for cancer, and manufacture tons of it in the laboratory.

Researchers at University College London are trying to turn that fantasy into reality with the help of barnacles. The UCL team of chemists, led by Dr Karl Hale, is attempting to replicate, or synthesise, bryostatin I (BI for short), a compound found on the hulls of ships which sail in the

BI, which is made naturally by barnacles which live only on these ships, has been found to kill many types of cancer cells and to stimulate the immune system. It is already on limited trial at the Chur-

> 'You sit down with a coffee and picture a molecule'

chill Hospital, Oxford, and Hope Hospital, Manchester, Rather than make Bi, wouldn't it be simpler just to collect it from lots of barnacles? "Doctors can run fullscale medical trials only when they have enough of the stuff, and the natural yield is too low." says Dr Hale. "You would need to process a ton of barnacies to get half a gram. The other drawback is that

isolating BI is a very arduous

procedure, and it would take a

year to get that half a gram."

Bl was first isolated in the mid-1980s by the eminent isolation chemist George Pettit and co-workers at Arizona State University. Separate, later studies found that Bl doubled the lifespan of mice with ovarian cancer. It was a big breakthrough. "Ovarian can-cer is a tough mut to crack, as it is very resistant to chemotherapy. Also, only a low dose was needed to combat the disease," says Dr Hale.

Scientists found two pos-sible mechanisms responsible for the potency of Bl. It either interferes with communications between cancerous cells, or it triggers into action dormant T-cells, which defend the body against attack.

Research groups across the world were also triggered into action — to see if they could make up the shortfall in nature. The structure of BI was quickly unravelled by scientists, and the individual building blocks of the molecule identified. That signalled the start of the synthesise B1.

In the case of Dr Hale, who got going in 1991, all his projects start with a cup of coffee and a good think. "You sit down with a picture of the molecule in your head and



The making of a molecule: chemist Neka Jogiya with a model used in the manufacture of a synthesised compound used to treat cancer. In nature, it is found in barnacles.

Miracle in a mollusc

think about what chemical bonds you can break," he says. After a while you end up with a simpler molecule. Then you just keep working backwards so that the molecule becomes even simpler. The aim of this approach.

called retrosynthetic analysis. is to arrive at a starter molecule which is cheap and readily available. The next step is to graft onto this starter molecule, through test-tube reactions, other chemical groups. Through this painstaking eventually rebuild the target substance.

There are obstacles. Sometimes additional bonds some with undesirable sideeffects — are formed. Such setbacks require new plans of action — perhaps a different way of constructing the target substance. Most chemists will use different routes to build a particular chemical, depending on their expertise," Dr Hale says.

nother problem is that some comshow pounds chirality, which means they exist in two forms which are mirror images of each other. Just as a jigsaw piece will not necessarily fit down, the two forms of a chiral compound, of which Bi is an example, will not necessarily react identically. However, the desired version can be made by using a substance called a chiral reagent. In the case of

BI, making the wrong mirror image would have unknown effects, since this other form has never been found in

Dr Hale and two PhD students overcame these ob-stacles and reached the halfway stage this year, hot on the heels of rival chemists at Harvard and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Despite such promising progress, Dr Hale may have to throw in the towel. Two weeks ago he had an application for a grant from the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) -- to pay for an experienced chemist - turned down. He had - turned down. He had applied to the EPSRC because funds from a variety of sources, including the Royal

Society and several pharmaceutical companies, were dry-ing up. Dr Hale says he feels the ground has been snatched away from under him.

"I am very surprised, because our results are so good," he says. "I have presumably been turned down because the project was not thought important enough. But how much more important can you get than a trying to make a substance which puts cancer into remission?"

Fortunately, Dr Hale is not working exclusively on B1. He has engaged several researchers to work on the mysteriously named A83586C (AC. for short). This potent antibiotic. of "unprecedented structure", was discovered by accident in the soil on the Pacific Island of

Guam, and research into its chemical make up has attracted a more generous grant of £200,000 from the EPSRC.

Dr Hale recalls: "Animal health scientists were looking for animal growth promoters, and AC was examined as part of their natural screening pro-Test-tube reactions showed that AC could kill off almost all bacterial infections and cancers — but tests on mice proved disastrous. "The compound killed the mice before it had even had a

chance to work on their ailments," he says. Several international research groups eagerly awaiting these results abandoned plans to synthesise the substance. However, undeterred

81, taking palm and finger-prints from each and compar-

ing them to controls of normal birthweight.
The study, three-quarters complete, is designed to show

whether there is a link be-

tween fingerprints, high blood pressure, and lung

function. It is already known,

Professor Barker says, that

some conditions that origi-

nate in the womb, including cerebral palsy and Down's syndrome, are linked with

specific fingerprint patterns.

Success in linking finger-prints to other diseases could help in diagnosis. In the case

of CIP, the fingerprint discov-

ery could do away with any

need for exploratory surgery

to diagnose the condition. And if a link to high blood pressure can definitely be

established, early diagnosis

could be used to give advice

about diet or other ways of

tential but without the deadly side-effects. Such a substance would see off the growing army of bacteria resistant to modern antibiotics.

Outbreaks of such bacteria are rare, but they strike with such virulence that developing new and stronger drugs to wipe them out has become an important research area.

Dr Hale took a more studied

approach. He decided to ex-

amine the molecular design of

AC, find out where the toxic

toric analogue - a molecular relative of AC boasting its

bacteria and cancer-killing po-

The result would be a non-

bits lie, and take them out.

This is why Dr. Hale believes research into synthesis. is so important. Each faltering step is also an advance in

chemistry. "Sometimes you have to develop a completely, new synthetic method for performing a chemical step, and that extends our library of knowledge," he says.

Dr Hale is three quarters of the way through synthesising AC. "We have about six steps left to go but you never really know how long each step is going to take," he says.

He envisages finishing next year and then starting the arduous search for a non-toxic analogue. Meanwhile, work on Blis suspended, and with it the hopes of patients and doctors excited by the prospect of a cancer cure. Or Hale intends to pester other grantgiving bodies but is dismayed at losing the edge on his competitors. "Even if I do

> What is more important than holding back cancer?'

eventually get some money, I think the delay will have cost us our chance of getting there

The outcome might be more positive for other groups involved in synthesis research. This is especially true of research conducted for drugs companies, for whom the abil-ity to build substances from scratch is a dream come true. The importance of chemical synthesis was highlighted last year, when the pharmaceuticals giant Zeneca bestowed £1.15 million — its largest single gift to chemistry research — on the chemistry department of Cambridge University,

The grant is being used to explore an exciting branch of research known as combinatorial chemistry, in which a number of basic chemical building blocks are mixed and matched, or combined in different ways. There are methods for doing this at present, but they are so slow that only 20 compounds can be

The Cambridge group hopes to develop a technique of making and sifting through a million compounds a week. Achieving this rate will in-volve ministurising the process, so they can churn out lots of tiny samples, and developing an automated screening technique, so that the samples are barely in existence before 🤸 being dumped onto a conveyor belt and put through exhaus-

If a compound is found to be "active", then the researchers can isolate and refine, or even rebuild it. Such research, the company hopes, will lead to the discovery of a new genera-

A surprising pattern to disease \square How to increase your fleece \square The death throes of a binary star

AT A medical centre in Baltimore, Maryland, patients complaining about digestive problems are in for a surprise. Dr Marvin Shuster. a specialist in digestive diseases at the Bayview Medical Centre, part of Johns Hopkins University, asks if he can take their fingerprints.

Dr Shuster has found that people who suffer from a disorder called chronic intestinal pseudo-obstruction, or CIP, are much more likely than others to have a rare fingerprint pattern known as

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Fingerprint clue to health

a digital arch. In a seven-year study recently published in the American Journal of Gastroenterology, he reports that 54 per cent of the patients he and a colleague had studied had this particular pattern.

"About 93 per cent of people loops or whorls," he says.

generally

have fingerprints formed by "Both begin and end on the same side of the finger. Fin-

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Roman arches, starting on one side and ending on the Why the fingerprint should

be linked to a disease that causes abdominal pain. vom-iting, nausea, and debilitating weight loss may at first seem inexplicable. Dr Shuster suggests that the cause must be netic, since he has found that the more digital arches there are, the stronger the correlation.

But there is, perhaps, an alternative explanation, deriving from work by Professor David Barker at Southampton University and now under investigation by a team at Liverpool University. From old birth records, Professor

Woolly genes

flock together

FARM animals

selective breeding. Now the process has taken a new step.

with the production in New

Zealand of transgenic sheep

that produce more wool with-

out any detrimental effects on

The result was achieved by

linking two genes together.

one from a sheep and one

from a mouse. The team from

Lincoln University in Canter-

bury, led by Dr David Bull-

ock, used the sheep gene that

codes for a substance called

insulin-like growth factor.

Many experiments have

shown that this factor is

the animals' health.

are the outcome

of 10,000 years of

leagues have shown that many diseases. including heart disease and diabetes, are linked to weight at birth and hence to conditions in the

It is in the first 20 weeks of foetal life that finger-prints are laid down, the same period in which the major organs are formed. The

hypothesis is that dietary deficiencies in the mother at this time may affect the development of the organs, leaving the baby poorly prepared for

involved in controlling the

in sheep grown for wool, the

point is to breed not giants.

but ordinary sheep with better

fleeces. So the team attached

the sheep growth factor gene

to a mouse gene which pro-

motes the production of kera-

tin, the protein that forms the

outermost layer of skin. In this

way, they guessed, the extra

growth factor would produce

more wool rather than a

They report in the current

issue of Biotechnology that the

strategy worked. At 14 months

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Peter Pharaoh, at Liverpool, have been studying a group of 400 low-birthweight children born on Merseyside in 1980-

avoiding health problems. Mystery object in outer space



AMERICAN astronomers have identified a very peculiar object at the centre of our galaxy, the Milkv Way.

found at the end of last year by the satellite-borne Compton Gamma Ray Observatory. the object emits X-rays and gamma rays in regular pulses and in erratic bursts - up to 18 an hour. Known as GRO J1744-28 from its catalogue number, the object was quickly nicknamed a "bursting puisar".

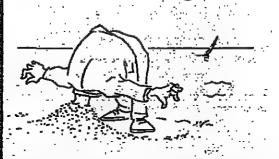
Its behaviour, says Professor Don Lamb of the University of Chicago, is unlike anything ever seen before. In a paper submitted to Astrophys-

ical Journal Letters, he and colleagues Dr Coleman Miller from Chicago and Dr. Ronald Taam from Northwestern University say they believe that the signals are the death throes of a low-mass X-ray

binary star. _ This consists of a very dense neutron star with a second ordinary star in orbit around it. The two circle each other once every 12 days. The second star is dying, puffing up and shedding its outer hydrogen-shell which is then drawn towards the neutron star. crashing to the surface and igniting thermonuclear explosions that account for the strange and unpredictable.

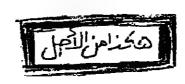
bursts of energy.
"We know a lot about what happens when a star dies alone," says Professor Lamb. But we don't know what happens when it is in a binary

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Learning to live without Christopher

The comedian Julian Clary talks to Mary Riddell about the death of his lover from Aids - and why his stage persona has become a drag

junked. The frills, the feathers, the tourniquet-tight bodysuits and the sequins he once wore in quantities sufficient to make Come Dancing look minimalist. Julian Clary does not use the word parody, but it is clear that, even by his own elastic standards, things had gone too far.
"All those costume changes. I

mean, I could see my life stretching ahead of me — an endless round of looking at fabric swatches. Besides, I'm 40 in four years, and to my mind there's something sad and tragic about an ageing homosexual squeezing into Lycra and putting on make-up."

And so, in a style transplant akin the Queen adopting ra-ra skirts. Clary will appear before the audi-ences for his forthcoming tour, wearing suits. "Day clothes ... you know, velvet stuff. But glamorous, I suppose the word sophisticated springs to mind."

There is a hopeful note to his voice, for it is obvious that the outrageous trappings on which he wear isome. We are sitting in a wine bar, where Clary is puffing through a pack of Benson and Hedges and sipping the bottle of white wine bequeathed (although not, as it transpired, paid for by a previous interrogator from something called Thud magazine.

He is surprised that I wanted to talk to him. Why? "Oh, you know, I'm just some camp comic light entertainment shirtlifter," he says, slightly bitterly, and, in terms of high camp, his act indeed attains the altitude of a Mont Blanc

His entire repertoire, from the TV shows to the particularly unpleasant live television insult to Norman Lamont - for which London Weekend Television had to issue a public apology — has been dedicated to establishing that im-

The odd thing is that Clary, although always a more complex man than his material suggested. has grown so tired of it. So bored, it seems, that the new show is an autobiographical ramble round his se, his parents (a probation officer and a policeman), his lovers and his retired stage companion, Fanny

The Wonderdog.

If age has redefined what he wants to do, then so have the areas of his life not served up for public. consumption. Four years have

passed since Christopher, his lover, died of an Aids-related illness, and although Clary has sketched in a brief account of therapy and sorrow for the benefit of interviewers — he has never elaborated on his loss.

He considered incorporating some mention of Christopher into his act, but he could not in the end bear to. "I couldn't find a way to do that, although there are some things about death that are very

"After Christopher died, I did as he had asked and took his ashes to Portugal to scatter them on the beach where we used to go together. I took him in a little metal urn which showed up on the X-ray machines. I had Portuguese airport

'I find I am a bit calmer and more confident now. That's why I don't need all that armour to get on ... to the stage'

officials asking me what was in the box, and I had so say: My boylriend. There is the small, rather thin,

smile of someone accustomed to combining the annising and the hearthreaking and pretending not to notice when the mixture curdles. He did it for months - watching by day as the man whom he loved grew weaker and more helpless and; by night, feeding to audiences the familiar shock-tactic patter of iokes about gay sex.

And even now, four years on, he goes home to his north London flat and hangs his new velvet suits next to the ndy row in the bedroom sum. The uniform of a man who programmed computers for Marks & Spencer — a man inconspicuous in life and notable in death only because of his association with Julian Clary.

"Christopher was very private, then and now, which is why I have never talked about him before. But, yes, I kept his suits. Nice suits, but too small for me. I find it very difficult to throw away anything of his. What I find useful, too, is not to think that the relationship is over to believe it's still going on and have some sort of dialogue with the

person who's no longer around.
"I think of things that would be furny to Christopher. He laughed at very physical things, like people falling over in the street - a rather cruel sense of homour. Things like

that make me think of him.
"I don't know if I felt a despair at watching him die. The relationship changed into one of looking after him, and in a way it was a privilege. It wasn't hard to nurse him because he wasn't terribly miserable. He was trying all the time to lead a normal life and not to let the illness get in

"He was 28 when he died, and I was 31, and it was so young for him to deal with his demise and for me to cope with bereavement. At that age you're too busy being a young person to think of death, even though so many gay men go through the same thing, I suppose afterwards you feel rage - that's the second stage. The final one is acceptance. People say the lour-year mark is significant — that that's when you can come out of the

And now there is a new boyfriend - a topic which drives Clary into an agony of tactful hedging. Tim on very tricky ground, because he's going to read this. So I can't say that it's not at all like Christopher. or that I love him twice as much."

formula about it being too soon to create a relationship which is more than superficial "Yes, I'll go along with that," he says, relieved. "I wanted to give you an answer which is true but not too

emberrassing for us all to read."

Quite the most surprising thing about him is his honesty. Interviewers — once they have recovered from the fact that he is tall, attractive and less caked in makeup than Barbara Cartland — have complained that he is also prickly, monosyllabic and prone to inven-

But he is actually scrupulously honest. "It's a bit of a curse really. I wish I had lots of showbazzy answers, so that this would be less of an ordeal. But I think it's important to say something honest. even if it's not particularly clever. "And I am also a bit calmer and



The new Julian Clary: a domestic life devoted to doing the laundry, reading and feeding the cat -- but he still has the ability to shock

more confident now. That's why I don't need all that armour to get on

Away from the spotlight he leads a life quiet to the point of torpor, in which he does the laundry (a particular hobby), makes elaborate collages, reads crime books, feeds the cat and occasionally - although he tries to curb it - takes to his bed in a fit of depression.

"I like monogamy. There's a lot to be said for it in terms of a peaceful life. I spend lots of time calming myself down and being nice and domestic and quiet. It would cause me stress to be in a polygamous relationship. Most gay relationships have that understanding, because sex is such a big deal for gay men. You suffer for your sexuality."

and needs of gay men, and he is a persuasive ambassador, but however toned-down his new act may be, and however influenced it may be by his own tragedy - he is naturally still mandated to

His concern is with the rights

Before I left, he stuck out both arms and gave me a quick inven-tory of his jewellery. This is a ring you are supposed to wear round your genitals. Here, do hold it. I promise you I've only ever worn it as a bracelet. And on this arm, there is the watch that my grandfather left to me when he died . . . " On one hand, the vaguely salacious. On the other, the sentimen-

tal. A reasonable illustration of the

contradictory nature of Julian

Susannah Constantine mistress of the flying tresses when the Princess of Wales

Brushing up on the art of hair flicking t school, we used to count them. They sat The Princess of Wales started the fashion for head tossing — and now

in a row at one end of the German class horseshoe: five girls, four professional hair lickers — the fifth had a stiff red perm that just wouldn't budge — and, while thumbing through their Goe-the, they would flick up to ten times a minute.

We gave names to each different style of dislodgement. There was the "is it still there?" flick, in which a hand oscillated backwards through the hair as if to check that none of it had fallen out. There was the "double flip", which turned the drape from one side to the other and then back again; and the incredi-ble "double flip with half-pike", which involved piling the hair on the head in the middle of the second pass and then letting it fall with a slight inclination of the neck.

half the young women in the land are at it. Giles Coren has had enough was still the apple of all our woman have long hair, it is a Keats who spotted the crucial eyes, and hair auto-manipu lation was not yet a political

come the equivalent of a Masonic handshake in high society. Jemima Goldsmith. Tara Palmer-Tomkinson, and Susannah Constantine were golden examples to well-tressed wannabes like Amanda de Cadenet and Danni Behr, who flicked their way to the top of the social whirl Millionaire socialite Tamara Beckwith's flick made her an actress, and Koo Stark's wheedled her into Prince Andrew's affect

For the flicktease has be-

Literary flickers include Catholic Herald Editor Christina Odone, who flicks out of exegetical respect for I. Corinthians II, 14: "If a glory to her." Then there is tator columnist Petronella Wyatt, and novelist Rachel Cusk who, despite a distinctly 19th-century writing style, enjoys a follicular freedom that was denied to Jane Austen by her bonnet, and to George Eliot by her

Luvvy flickers include Liz Hurley (who learnt it from Hugh), and Emma Thompson, who has brought a new meaning to the phrase "going to see a flick".

Doets have long been fescinated with the seaual lure of the flick. Pope saw its power in The Rape of the Lock "Fair tresses man's imperial race insuare, And beauty draws us with a single hair." But it was

ingredient in his ode To Autumn: "Thy hair soft-lifted by the winnowing wind."

If there is no winnowing

wind, though, a girl must soft-lift in herself, as the shampoo industry well knows. Think of the Timotei girl flinging her head back out of a bucket of water so that it fans into something like the back of a sailfish. T.S. Eliot, mysogynist and sociopath that he was,

summed up the spiritual emptiness of the modern world in The Wasteland with "she smoothes her hair with automatic hand". But is not this ubiquitous 20th-century tick an atavistic substitute for the lady's fan?

In 18th-century drawing rooms Tamara and Jemima would have half-hidden, half-

revealed their faces with the fluttering of a fan. It was a social crutch in 18th-century drawing rooms, a soothing fiddle and an instrument of sexual entrapment. Modern

cuticle and keratin for the purpose of alternate concealment and revelation. The fact is, though, and this is not often stated boldly enough, that flicking your hair is a revolting habit, an act of social terrorism on a par with nose-picking and

woman has had to resort to

the home-harvested prop of

bottom-scratching. Lovely though it was to behold the school hair flickers at their ballet, my delight turned to disgust one summer morning when they did a synchronised quadruple reverse turn, with double pike, right in front of a south-

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young hands swept their respective barnets into the air, I saw a cloud of dust and dandruff picked out by the morning shine.

This was followed by a "follicle shotput", which involves bowing the head so that hair hangs forward and then, after pulling all the flinging them back so that the hair sprays at 360 degrees like a nail-bomb.

Except it was not pails that flew in the glare, but any number of flakes of skin. It is a cardinal rule, among the nicer people, not to brush one's hair in public. Nor would you adjust your bra at a social event, floss your teeth or dig for toe jam. Alluring though modern Rapunzels may think it is, they should bear one easy guideline in mind. Don't flick your hair where you wouldn't flick a

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Matthew Parris



I wish love would take its many splendours somewhere else — I've got work to do

s there too much sex on television? A friend and I were watching Neighbours as an impossibly good-looking and suntanned young Australian, in shorts, and his nubile girlfriend (they looked about 17) headed for bed. A kiss had occurred. Sex was in prospect. Naturally they had a condom. Of course, you never actually see anything: the camera pans delicately away toward the bedroom curtains. You have to guess.

But still my friend was vexed. "It's not the scene itself," she said, "you cannot object to two people kissing on TV. And it's not the implication that sex occurs between unmarried teenagers. We know that.

No, what's so corrupting is not the fact of sex in soap opera, but the relentlessness of it. Sex, sex, sex. Again and again the storyline returns to sex. Kids are growing up to think sex is all that's worthwhile in life." An opinion frequently expressed. It may be a fair point. I offer no judgment. For it is something else in Neighbours, Heartbreak High and (at a much more sophisticated level) soaps

like EastEnders and Brookside. which offends me. Love. The one more constant intrurelationship sion of love. Nevin all it's the love I'm of its sick of: why are people on televiscomplexity, ion always falling and I'll in love, talking about love, fall-ing out of love, scream

falling in love again? There is too much love on prime-time TV. Sex, after all, doesn't take iong and you can always switch off. Few of the relasoap opera are of the casual. animal kind whose celebration in the modern media conservative moralists so deplore. This is not a fair charge against the plots of family soaps. Where sex comes in, it is usually of the sex within a loving relationship" kind. Where a moral is implied it is the triumph of true love. The complaint that soap-makers peddle raw sex, without human relationships in all their depth and complexity, is rarely sustainable.

They peddle almost nothing else. Show me one more human relationship in all its depth and complexity, and I'll scream. Relationships, relationships, rela-tionships. From Jane Austen to Blind Date, it's all the same. And it's simply a lie. The primacy of human relationships is the great hu-man evasion. The notion that our highest purpose on this planet is to love and be loved: that is the great corruption. We can know nothing about others beyond fantasising that they may be like us. That a man finds himself, or a woman herself, through a relationship with another - that life's happiest endings consist in some profound fusing of two souls - these are the pernicious untruths. These are what enfeeble. These are what trivialise the possibili-

ties of mankind. These lead millions away from selfdiscovery towards the pursuit of, at best, narcotic contentment; at worst, disappointment. Love. if we

are unlucky enough to find it, leaves us grounded. Stuck fast in the shallows of human experience Coupling kills. Close relationships cripple. In the face of every saccharine assurance to the contrary, I assert - on the evidence of everyone I've known well.

woman or man, who has fallen in love with someone else (or, indeed, with me), every friendship I have lost to a "relationship", every companion I have lost to a lover - that human beings are diminished by the transition. The best that can be hoped of romance is that it

dwindle into affection. In romance we sink, we fade. we faiter, we lose selfconfidence and self-respect: we cease to cohere. Occasionally, one meets people

who seem genuinely en-riched by a relationship; but there was almost always something wrong with them beforehand: they were not viable as individuals. A half and a half may

make one, but one and one makes about one and a quarter. Reading this, you will say: "What's eating him, poor lamb? have given him the push." But nobody has. I'm fine, thanks.

It's those Aus-

sie idiots in shorts I pity, staggering around, moon-faced, on Neighbours, their brains empty and their legs perfect, falling in love. Don't they have careers? Don't they have hopes, talents? Don't they have ambitions? Can they sing? Dance? Play the guitar? Change a plug? Plaster a ceiling, run a mile? We are hardly told.

ave you noticed how TV drama is dominated by love, crime, vets and hospitals? Kissing, being ill, slavering over animals and taking a morbid interest in the wrongdoing of others: these, now God is dead, are the opiates of a liberal culture. Relationships, and worse — talking about relationships, are really a kind of self-relief for a society which has stunted the more exciting and dangerous of human drives. People fall in love because

Nothing to do! Leave love with its slippers by the fire; put on your boots. Lift your gaze from your lover's eyes and see the sky behind, and all the stars! There are mountains and forests and rivers, whole wide oceans to cross. There are furrows to plough, rocks to shift, streams to dam. There is work, so much work - that happiest of pursuits — to be done.

they think they have noth-

"How alike," someone once wrote, "are the groans of love to those of the

The Scott report's missing summary should have concluded that the Attorney-General was negligent

The report of the Scott inquiry Why Sir Nicholas is an admirably thorough, lucid and fair-minded document. The debate so far has been inadequate, confused and partisan, and today's debates in Parlia-ment are unlikely to be any better. Why is this? It is because Sir Richard should carry the can Scott decided not to issue a summary of his conclusions. The politicians on both sides have picked out the passages which told in their favour, as

in the Matrix Churchill case? Find-...

9. Can the Attorney-General be held responsible for the errors of this prosecution? Finding: He can.

10. Did the Attorney-General mislead Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, on the law on public interest immunity certificates? Finding: He did.

11. Did the ministers who signed Pff certificates do so recklessly or wrong-fully? Finding: In the light of the At-torney-General's advice, they did not 12. Did the Government conspire to cover up its own conduct by using PIIs to send innocent men to prison? Findings: It did not.

Of these 12 findings, seven may be regarded as non-controversial, but five are controversial. It seems to be generally agreed that lethal arms were not exported to Iraq, but arms making equipment was, that the Government did know of these exports, that officials rather than ministers confused the supergun information, that the Matrix Churchill prosecution should not have been brought, but ministers were entitled to rely on the Attorney-General's interpretation of the law on PII certificates, and that the Government

did not conspire to pervert justice. This leaves two groups of issues which are in dispute. The first is: Were the guidelines changed? Was Parliament told? Should William Waldegrave be held individually re-sponsible? The second group is: Did Sir Nicholas Lyeli fail in the Attorney-General's duty to supervise the Matrix Churchill prosecution? Did . he mislead the ministers about the state of the law as it then stood? These groups could be called the Waldegrave and the Lyell issues. 🔀

There is an important difference. Sir Nicholas Lyell, as Attorney General, had an independent role in advising the Government on law, and an independent responsibility for preventing miscarriages of justice. It has long been established that the Prime Minister of the day cannot tell

William

the Attorney-General what to do in his legal capacity; he cannot order him to bring one prosecution or to

William Waldegrave was at the time Minister of State of the Foreign Office. The government policy on arms for Iraq, right or wrong, open or duplicitous, was not his personal policy. During the relevant period, there were two Prime Ministers, Secretaries of Trade and Secretaries of Defence. All of these were senior to him in Government, and the policy was undoubtedly a collective one. Sir Richard Scott's desire to hold individuals, even including civil servants,

be admirable, but his concentration on Waldegrave is a defect in his report. He fires at the patrol boat, but misses the fleet. Waidegrave's subordinate responsibility is not negligible. but is quite different from Lyell's independent constitutional function.

The question whether the guidelines were changed will be one of the main issues of today's debate. My own judgment, like Scott's, is that they were, but I am more sympathetic to the counter-arguments than he is. There is no precision about lelines; they are not statute law but indicators of a policy which changes with events, and events change greatly there was the ceaselire, the Salman Rushdie case. and so on. A reasonable man could have taken the view William Walde

> integrity, and indeed Scott accepts Waldegrave's integrity, though he disputes his judgment.
> I should also have given more weight than Sir Richard to the problem of Iran. If there was a change, how could Parliament be told without setting off a new storm in our difficult relations with the Iranian regime? That was a real national interest difficulty in the way of disclosure. However, the responsibility was plainly that of the Government as a whole. It would, whatever view one takes, have been quite

grave took at the time, with complete:

wrong for Waldegrave to resign and the Government to remain.
That is not the case with the Attorpey-General, since his particular.

responsibility for the administration of justice is personal to him. He probably did mislead Michael Hesel-fine on the law on PII certificates. Lord Justice Bingham, now Master of the Rolls, defends the Attorney-General's interpretation of his ruling in the Maganjuola case. One must give weight to that But his Maganjuola ruling clearly states that there are exceptions to the principle that a minister must always sign a PII certificate for appropriate documents: This does not mean that in

any case where a party holds a document in a class prima facie immune he is bound to insist on an assertion of immunity. The Attorney-General told the President of the Board of Frade that he had no alternative in law but to sign. Whatthat was wrong in terms of his own

Yet had legal advice, honestly given, is not a resigning matter. What should be a resigning matter is Sir Nicholas Lyell's general maladministration of the prosecution, his failure to supervise it, his failure to see that the instructions to prosecuting counsel were properly drawn, his failure to pass on the President of the Board. of Trade's reservations to the trial judge, as he had said he would do, his failure even to read Michael Heseltine's letter of September 11, 1992, for three or perhaps even seven weeks.

A wrongful prosecution was launched although a senior minister repeatedly demurred, a key letter was not even read; a promise was not kept. The Attorney-General treated this obviously difficult and sensitive prosecution as a routine matter, and negligently at that. Michael Heseltine's letter is discussed in paragraph G.13.70, on page 1357 of the report. No one could read that paragraph and still maintain that Sir Nicholas Lyell reached an acceptable standard of diligence in the pursuit of justice in the Matrix Churchill prosecution. He should have resigned long ago.

New Labour's new face

Peter Riddell

they were bound to do. Two leading

judges, Lord Donaldson and Lord Nolan, have regretted the absence of a summary of Sir Richard's findings,

Any summary by a third party must be unsatisfactory and may be inaccurate, so I put one forward with

preat diffidence. Nevertheless the

debate cannot be understood without

some definition of the charges that

emerged from the inquiry, and Sir Richard's findings on them. There seemed to be 12 separate charges

which might be regarded as potential

resigning matters. There may be

others, but these 12 provide some

I. Were arms exported to Iraq during the period of the arms guidelines?

2. Were items of arms-making equip-

ment exported? Finding: They were.

3. Did the Government know of these

4. Were these exports a change in the

Howe guidelines of 1984? Finding:

5. Was this change in the guidelines reported to Parliament? Finding: It

6. Was there a failure to keep Parli-

ament properly informed about the supergun case? Finding: There was,

but as a result of officials failing to

7. Was William Waldegrave particu-

larly responsible for the failure to

inform Parliament of the changes in

8. Was there a wrongful prosecution

the guidelines? Finding: He was.

basis for analysing the report.

Finding: They were not.

exports? Finding: It did.

They were,

inform ministers.

and they are right to do so.

asks if Peter

Mandelson's

prospectus will

satisfy voters

ony Blair has succeeded more in defining what his-"new" Labour Party is not than what it is. Most of his efforts have been about showing that Labour is no longer the party of high public spending and of the vested interests of the trade unions and minority groups. It is obviously vital for him to ensure that Labour does not lose in the same way as it did in 1987 and 1992. But his attempts to define a distinctive image for "new" Labour have so far been vaguer and less convincing.

The "young country" has come and, fortunately, gone. It always sounded like a pop group or a Third World nation. "One Nation social-ism" remains, though it is elusive to most voters. The "stakeholder society" has become the slogan or big idea of 1996. Despite Labour's initial failure to make clear that this did not mean a big extension of union rights, the implication that everyone should have a stake in society has a popular appeal.

But Labour policymaking has often been about grudgingly accepting changes introduced by the Tories: council house sales, union ballots, privatisations, grant maintained schools and testing. Much of Labour collections are described with only policy has been described, with only slight exaggeration, as the Tories minus two years. "New" Labour is supposed to mean more than that. Gordon Brown has made proposals to encourage the long-term and youth unemployed back into work, and he and David Blunkett have talked about lifetime learning accounts for individuals. And there is also the whole constitutional reform programme. But there is a vacuum, or at any rate caution, in too many areas.



The Blair Revolution by Peter Mandelson (the Labour MP and adviser to Mr Blair) and Roger Liddle a public policy analyst and former Liberal Democrat who rejoined Labour last summer) attempts to give coherence and substance to "new" Labour. Having discussed the book with the authors, I know that much of what has been said about it so far is nonsense. It is neither an "inside the Blair office" account, nor a proxy for the leader's secret plans. The misconceptions have arisen because of Mr Mandelson's closeness to Mr Blair and his reputation as a master manipulator. This has been an inhibiting factor. Although Mr Blair himself was keen for the book to be adventurous on policy, the authors felt constrained not to write anything that would embarrass their leader. and give ammunition to either the

Labour Left or to Conservative Central Office. For example, they recognise many of the problems Labour's far-reaching proposals for constitutional reform, but dodge the question of whether devolution will require a reduction in the number or powers of Scottish MPs. Similarly, while their pro-European views are clear, they are diplomatically cau-

tious about a single currency.
Nonetheless, The Blair Revolution (published today by Faber at £7.99) is by far the fullest and most revealing discussion to date of where "new Labour differs from "old". Its explicit statements and its hints together make it essential reading for anyone wanting to understand what Mr. Blair is trying to do. This amounts to

a reconstruction of the Centre Left, turning Labour into what Mr Blair has described as literally a new. party". One of the most interesting chapters is about this "new party". It recognises that Labour has failed in government in the past because of a breach with party activists. Blairism involves the creation of a mass party in which individual members, rather than unrepresentative groups of activists, have a say via ballots on major policy issues. Links between Labour and the unions would be transformed to emphasise the in-volvement of trade unionists as individual party members, rather than trade unions with their block votes. The authors also envisage closer co-operation with the Liberal Democrats. In a BBC interview yesterday, Mr Mandelson was

warmer than previously about elec-

tional representation, but the alternative yote. That will not be palatable to Labour traditionalists. All this does not amount to just an

SDP Mark II. The authors are fully aware of why the SDP failed. It was aware of why the SDP paned. It was not merely because its electoral base was not merely because its also because it falled to develop a conferent ideology through Mandelson and Liddle underplay the similarities between David Owen's ideas and Mr Blair's).

New Labour attempts to blend a iree thanker, someonly with social satisfacity, and someonly obligations. Mr. Blair is trying to retain the support of Labour's core working-class supporters, which the SDF never attracted, while abandoning Lab-ours did class-based approach, to become a broader centre-left party.

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o as to ensure that a Blairite programme can be implemented, the book suggests strengthening the Policy Unit and the political advice within 10 Downing Street, and making the Cabinet Office more like a Department. ment of the Prime Minister. Success will, however, depend on realistic policies. The authors see the government's primary role as ensuring macro-economic stability, resisting demands for big pay rises and a public spending bonanza, and acting as a partner with the private sector in job creation and with parents in improving schools.

But perhaps the real question is not Can New Labour Deliver. as the book's subtitle asks, but would it make a difference? For all its caution on sensitive issues, the book points to where a Blair government might make a difference in dealing with the social costs and casualties of a more divided society. That will not sansfy those like Will Hutton, who argues in the new issue of Prospect that Mandelson and Liddle are reluctant to challenge the structure of market capitalism. But the book addresses the central issue for a Blair government of whether a competitive economy can be reconciled with social co-hesion. It makes a powerful case for Blairism. "Old" Labour does not Blairism. Olo Lauren have an answer. The Tories need to produce one, soon.

House damned

FORGET Sir Richard Scott's multi-volume deliberation on arms sales to Iraq. An earlier Scott report was a concise, brutal condemnation of the Government, in far less equivocal language.

An intriguing letter has been uncovered from one Jonathan Scott to his brother Richard, the greatgreat-great-grandfather of Sir Richard Scott and a serving officer — later colonel — with the East India Company. It describes a visit to the Commons in 1786.

"My dearest Dick." Jonathan Scott begins, "I told you that I was at the House on Monday. It is a great Scene at first, but when you have heard those who speak, declare things as truth which must be contrary to their Conviction and see the greater part by far of the members like so many Machines waiting (on both sides the question) in Silence for the Signal from the hand which is to put them in motion, the importance of the assembly ceases and you are led either to laugh at the farce before you or lament the imposition of the

some degree corrupt, but ours certainly more so than any under the sum

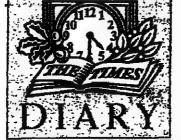
As Sir Richard laboured over his own report, a portrait of his namesake, recipient of the letter, gazed down on him from the wall of his Buckinghamshire home.

● Should Rentokil's hostile bid for the business services group BET be successful, children across the country will be sitting down to school dinners provided by pest control experts.

Mocking stock

THE Princess of Wales is to be examined by a television psychoanalyst. As part of Channel 4's Without Walls series, she is to be put on the couch by Dylan Evans who will talk to a lookalike of the Princess, but nevertheless promises new insights into the workings of her mind.

Psychoanalysing Diana, which is to be screened later this year, will



events in her life and will be based on previously documented statements by the Princess. Evans says crude accusations such as that Diana is paranoid are totally misconceived, but he offers an analysis which he hopes will be of help to

the real Diana". In a separate stunt, impersonators of the Prince and Princess have been booked for an evening at the Café Royal later this year. A recreation of their post-weeding party will descend into acrimonious trading of insults for the amusement of tourists.

• The singer Sinead O'Connor, always ready to save the world, is now trying to negotiate with the terrorists. In a letter to The Irish Times feature dramatised recreations of she exhorts the IRA to renounce violence. "Hand in all weapons." she advises. "Let the British Government have their elections and let the British tabloids say what they like. It doesn't matter if they say you've surrendered, so what? Who cares what they say?" Or you, dear.

It's for you

GERALD KAUFMAN is spearheading a campaign to crack down on what he sees as the greatest blight on modern rail travel: mobile phonies.

The former Shadow Foreign Secretary, who spends much of his life shunting between London and his Manchester constituency, has put down a question to the Transport Secretary, Sir George Young, asking for separate carriages for mobile phone users.

"The other day one guy was on his phone without a break all the way from Manchester to London." he says. "I couldn't move away because they were all around me, a whole nest of them. We should have environment impact papers, prepared and perhaps put them in carriages with the smokers."

 Philip de Glanville, the Bath and England rugby union centre,

did not have the most auspicious first day in his new job as a market. ing consultant for a Surrey-based firm last week. He astonished his . new employers by arriving with a pair of black eyes after a tough weekend match.

Unswung hero

PETER SNOW has been brought to his knees by the vagaries of his famous swingometer. His treasured toy, which is cranked up on



Snow: sultan of swing

every general election night to indicate the progress as results come in, went haywire during the BBC's election dress-rehearsal over the

One of the scenarios in the biggest ever dummy-run was a 3 per cent swing to Labour in John-Major's Huntingdon constituency: Somewhere a computer went into a spin and calculated instead a 27 per cent swing and complete. Tory melidown. The swingometer went bananas, says one observer.

Show just couldn't help himself and fell to his knees laughing

• Paul Daniel, the new musical director of the financially troubled English National Opera, knows that he is expected to pull rabbits out of the hat. Fitting then that the bane of his life is to be forever con-fused with the smarmy magician Paul Daniels.

Not likely

uncontrollably."

IT WON'T be over until the thin lady sings. The distinctly well-cushioned Christopher Biggins is plan-ning to collaborate on an opera with concave supermodel Jodie Kidd. Biggins is off to Barbados for



Kidd: would-be diva

a theatre and opera festival at the home of Jodie's parents. I shall be directing Tosca and are trying is persuade Jodie to take a cameo role," he says. "With my glamour and her dramatic instinct we shouldn't go far wrong."

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SCOTT VOTE

Tonight is the time to stand up for Parliament

tempted to vote today as if they were Members of Government rather than Members of Parliament. Rarely will the distinction between the executive and the legislature have seemed so blurred as in tonight's vote on the findings of the Scott report. Despite Sir Richard's judgment that Parliament was misled and the rules of ministerial procedure broken, MPs will probably let their colleagues off the hook for one simple reason which has nothing to do with Scott: a general election is near.

So if the Scott report found an unusual level of cynicism within the executive, the vote on the subject may betray a similar level of cynicism in Parliament. Most Tory MPs are privately embarrassed by Sir Richard's findings. They are also piqued that the institution in which they represent their voters has been so disdainfully treated by ministers. But, despite their adherence to the notion of parliamentary sovereignty, all but a handful seem unprepared to take the action tonight that might force an arrogant executive to mend its ways.

Ministers have compounded their sins since the report was published. By claiming that Sir Richard totally exonerated them. they fooled nobody for more than a day. But it does take at least a day to read 1,800 pages of legalistic language. Ministers ensured that they were already halfway down the course by opening their own starting gates long before those of the Opposition, the media, or indeed their own backbenchers. Tory MPs are right to feel insulted, now that they have had time to catch up, when they realise how brazenly they were misled on the day of publication by their own Cabinet colleagues. They know too that any contrition shown in the House of Commons today will be as cynical as the chutzpah that dominated the initial response.

The Government's tactics have been

Jerusalem and Ashkelon brings the number

of people killed by Islamic militants since the

signing of Israel's peace treaty with the Palestinians to nearly 80. If this is the harvest of

peace, what was the point? That is the under-

standably emotional first reaction from an

angry and divided nation. It is precisely the

reaction the suicide bombers anticipated.

Like the IRA, the enemies of negotiation are

attempting to make compromise impossible.

Rother than settle for less than the triumph-

alist fulfilment of all their claims, they are

ready to use indiscriminate terror to harden

As in Northern Ireland, the renewal of

violence when peace was within grasp is a

support their propaganda claimed, as was

evident from the failure of their call for a

boycott of the recent Palestinian elections.

short term, the despair and impasse that the

bombers intended. Shimon Peres has frozen

all further talks with Yassir Arafat's

Palestinian Authority. His Government,

surging into early elections on the crest of a

20-point lead over the Likud opposition, will

come under ferocious attack. The sympathy

vote Labour has enjoyed since the assassina-

tion of Yitzhak Rabin will be dissipated.

along with the cloud of public revulsion that

has linked the Israeli Right to the murderous

aims of rejectionist zealots. Mr Peres may

defiantly proclaim that terror will not stop

the peace process. But to save his credibility,

he must accede to the clamour that Mr

Arafat impose virtual martial law in the

The killings will indeed produce, in the

Bombs are their only answer.

frustration and desne Hamas rejectionists do not command the

positions on both sides.

Most Conservative backbenchers will be received as badly in the country as they have with Tory MPs. John Major allowed himself to be trapped by Tony Blair into determining in advance of the report that no minister would be allowed to resign. When Mr Blair stood by Harriet Harman, and compared his steadfastness with the Prime Minister's tendency to "buckle under pressure". Mr Major snapped up the bait.

Yet preventing a guilty minister from resigning is no sign of virility. Most voters see it as a sign of weakness. Had the Prime Minister allowed Sir Nicholas Lyell, the Attorney-General, to go on the first day, the quality of his Government would have been undiminished, but his stock with the public would have risen. At least he would have shown some humility, some admission that mistakes had been made. After a few days the flurry would have died down, and the only memory of the Scott report would have been that it claimed the career of a minister whose

name few had known in the first place. Instead the report is still a sore. The Government's reaction to it has demonstrated how cavalier it is with the truth and how little it cares not just about public opinion but also about the views of its own backbenchers. Only when one of them threatens to resign the whip is any notice taken of his discontent. The "loyalty" of others is taken for granted.

So if some Tory MPs feel tonight that their loyalty to the institution of Parliament ought to be greater than blind attachment to their party right or wrong, they deserve an accolade. Those brave Members who go against the whip will be casting a vote for honest government, for ministerial accountability and for the acceptance of responsibility for mistakes. If their votes tip the Government into defeat, they can always reaffirm their party bonds tomorrow. But tonight is a time for defending parliamentary sovereignty and good governance.

controls. He may even be forced back to the

revenge tactics so favoured by previous

Israeli Governments: the collective punish-

ment of the occupied territories by sealing

their borders, or air strikes on Palestinian

The bombs were directed as much against

Mr Arafat as Mr Peres. The PLO leader

already has many enemies and dwindling

room for manoeuvre. Hamas may have

been outwitted in the election campaign, but

it can draw on widespread Palestinian

discontent. Despite a boom in construction

and the rewarding of Arafat loyalists with

hundreds of sinecures, unemployment is

certainly more than 30 per cent, with up to

The bombs will increase tension, but also

the stakes for both men. To boost his election

campaign. Mr Peres needs to show that the

Palestinian mainstream is irrevocably

committed to peace and will by rescind those

sections of the Palestine National Charter -

the nearest thing to a PLO constitution -

calling for the destruction of the Jewish state.

Mr Arafat, though committed to summon-

ing the Palestine National Council for this

purpose within weeks, is already playing for

time: he cannot persuade doubters to give

away their trump card without prior assurances that Israel will withdraw from

Hebron, the last main town under occupa-

tion, and begin the final status talks on

Palestinian autonomy on time. The bomb-

ings have made it harder for each man to

reach out to the other; but they have

increased the dependence of both on the

survival of the peace process.

camps in Lebanon.

each year.

BOMB LAW

Terror must not stop the peace process in Israel and Palestine

The death toll from the two bombs in areas his fledgeling Authority nominally

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR [Pennington Street, London El 9XN Telephone 0171-782 5000

Attorney's view of New inquiry into higher education arms prosecution

From Sir Nicholas Lyell, Attorney, General

Sir, Your leader on February 24 father bad Autorney") contains inaccuracies which I cannot leave uncorrected. It was perhaps influenced by Lord hinson's selective and misleading letter (February 23) from the Opposition benches.

Nowhere in the five-volume Scott report is there any suggestion that I should have intervened to stop the Matrix Churchill trial. Lord Hutchinson is mistaken in saying that I have superintendence of all prosecutions. Customs, unlike the Crown Prosecution Service and Serious Fraud Office, is not a prosecuting authority which I

Despite this, as soon as Michael Heseltine's concerns were brought to my attention. I immediately called a meeting with Alan Moses, QC, the highly experienced prosecuting counsel, and the Customs solicitor to be assured that the prosecution was indeed fair and proper.

My advice to Mr Heseltine was correct and my view of the law has been endorsed by the Master of the Rolls and by many lawyers writing in vour columns (letters, February 17, 19, 21-24). The specially redrafted PII certificate prepared for Mr Heseltine emphasised that the decision on disclosure of documents was for the court. It worked as intended.

Mr Heseltine's short letter thanking me for my advice was not "left unread". It was read in my absence by the relevant official and immediately passed to the Treasury Solicitor's Department responsible for briefing Mr Moses. Your suggestion that I was "happy to allow" disclosure of Secret Intelligence Service evidence is wrong. This was not a matter on which I advised at all.

There are lessons to be learnt from the report but it is wrong that the underlying facts should become to distorted in comment.

Yours sincerely.
NICHOLAS LYELL. Attorney-General's Chambers. 9 Buckingham Gate, SWI. February 25.

From Mr Geyve Walker

Sir, Roy Amlot and Julian Bevan (letter. February 21) argue the truism that if a minister feels the public interest is prejudiced by production of docu-ments then he is under a duty to sign a PII certificate. Surely where the Attorney-General went wrong is that he seems to have advised ministers that they were under a duty to sign even if, like Mr Heseltine, they felt that public interest would be better served by disclosure rather than suppression.

Yours faithfully. GEYVE WALKER (Prospective Liberal Democrat Penrith and the Border), The Old Vicarage, Barton, Tirril. Penrith, Cumbria. February 21.

From Mr John D. Harris

Sir. Lord Carrington's careful and decent sentiments (letter, February 22) may well have applied in the early 1980s. Sadly, confidence in government ministers has been severely eroded since his time. There is now little or no inclination to give them the benefit of the doubt.

JOHN HARRIS. Chilland Barn. Martyr Worthy. Winchester, Hampshire. February 22.

From Mrs Audrey Gardner

Sir. John Major has thrown away his chance to be a "good butcher" - and with it. I think, any chance of winning the next general election.

Yours faithfully. A. GARDNER. Morticombe. Cherry Bridge. Barbrook, Lynton, North Devon. February 21.

Sir. Illustrating your report of February 19 on the Royal College of Art is

a photograph of the "Lion and Uni-

corn" pavilion at the 1951 Festival of

Britain exhibition. I was assistant to

the pavilion's architects. Dick Russell

The end wall of that pavilion was a

mural, Country Life, by Edward Bawden; 55ft wide and 36ft high, it

was one of four works of art in the

exhibition which the Arts Council

decided should be kept after the

exhibition closed. The mural's 71

panels went to the Ministry of Works

store at Barry Road, Willesden, London, in March 1952, and racking

and covers were provided in 1954 for

The Department of the Environ-

ment sold the store in 1974, I believe.

but there is no information on what

happened to the contents. I wonder if

655 Barrowgate Road, Chiswick, W4.

Letters to the Editor should carry a

daytime telephone number. They

may be sent to a lax number -

0171-782 5046.

Missing mural

From Mr John Morton

and Robert Goodden.

their long-term storage.

anyone knows?

February 20.

JOHN MORTON.

in The Times by "a young lady being

Perforated, sticky, and now funny too

THE JOKE IS IN THE POST

foday the Royal Mail issues a set of First Class stamps reproducing in millions minlature pocket cartoons beside the profile of the Queen. Also today The Times and the British Cartoonists' Association will announce the first winners of their competition to select the young cartoonists of the year. This is a happy coincidence, for cartoons and postage stamps are endearingly compatible miniature British art forms.

The original cartoni (large sheets of paper) were preliminary drawings by such Italian artists as Leonardo and Raphael. And caricatures also take their name from another Italian, Annibale Carraccia, But the art of making fun of society and the famous in rude drawings is a British invention. The Prince of Wales has written correctly that his family and other modern celebrities are more politely treated by cartoonists than were George III and his family and ministers. Hogarth, Gillray, Rowlandson and the other founding fathers of the cartooning art were libellous, bawdy and vicious as well as impertinent. They turned to their trade as very young cartoonists indeed, to escape from family poverty and traditional careers. And they left a better record of Georgian manners and politics than their more respectable contemporaries. The first sale of adhesive postage stamps was recorded in England on May 1, 1840. And in the following year the earliest reference to stamp collecting was made in a third native miniature medium, the Agony

Column. A small advertisement was placed

desirous of covering her dressing-room with cancelled postage stamps".

From those early days the numbers and varieties of stamps have increased by so many thousandfolds that Philatelic Man can no longer collect the stamps of all nations and all periods. He has to specialise. Stamp collecting introduces the young imagination to art, geography, economics and national symbolism. It also challenges adults asked to locate Vanuatu and San Marino. As international advertisements, obscure countries issue majestic stamps that cost far more to produce than their face value of a kopek or a lek. By another inverse peculiarity of the stamp trade, the value of a postage stamp fluctuates widely from its hypothetical catalogue price depending on whether it is being sold or bought by a dealer.

So from tomorrow these cartoon stamps will deliver a smile with the morning post. along with the dread of the brown envelope and the irritation of unsolicited financial advice. Mel Calman and his fellows will have a wider audience for their work than all previous cartoonists seen together. But what will addressees in China and Peru make of their angst-ridden little men in a hostile world? They should at least catch the eternal complaint of the cartoonist about the cheque in the post whirling in outer space. And our young cartoonists chosen in memory of Calman, can calculate that if they capture the spirit of the age, they too can one day get their work on a postage stamp.

From the Chief Executive, Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals

Sir. Your leader, "University challenge" (February 21), analysed the options facing Sir Ron Dearing as he prepares his inquiry into higher

Contrary to your assertion, the recent massive expansion has been schieved without any perceptible relaxation of entrance requirements. Analysis by the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (Ucas) shows this clearly. The explanation is that before the expansion many young people, notably young women, left full-time education for work. Despite being well qualified to enter university they chose not to do so.

It has not been necessary to "dilute degree standards" as you suggest, nor would it be countenanced. The young people we are now educating to degree level would have been a credit to any university at any time, but more of them now have higher aspirations than in the nast.

That is something to be applauded and encouraged. We hope Sir Ron will recognise the fact.

Yours faithfully, DIANA WARWICK Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals of the Universities of the United Kingdom, 29 Tavistock Square, WCl. February 21.

From Dr Margaret Atkins

of students.

Sir. The Government is asking about "the purpose of a degree". What a pity it did not think to ask that question belore overseeing the collective chaos caused in recent years by "modularisation", "semesterisation", the introduction of continuous assessment, 'research assessment exercises". "teaching assessment", "quality audit" and rapidly increasing numbers

Those of us who already had a clear understanding of the purpose of education and who have been struggling to keep teaching and scholarship alive may be forgiven for feeling puzzled. We had thought the politicians and bureaucrats at least thought they knew what they were doing.

Yours sincerely, MARGARET ATKINS, University of Leeds. Trinity and All Saints College, Brownberrie Lane, Horsforth, Leeds, West Yorkshire. February 23.

From the Vice-Chancellor, Nottingham Trent University Sir, The greatest service the Dearing

From the Chairman of Transparency

Sir. It would be unfortunate if those

aspects of the arms trade which are

covered by the Scott report were

allowed to obscure another major

problem which was not part of Sir

Richard's brief, namely the extent of

the corruption which is involved in

Transparency International, a Berlin-based coalition against corruption in international business trans-

actions, formed in 1993, is not opposed

to military supplies per se; nor does it

seek to see any exporting country

disadvantaged in relation to any

other. It is, however, deeply concerned

at the huge commissions which are

commonly attached to these sales, the

size and secrecy of which makes them

an ideal vehicle for grand corruption.

commissions at an average of 15 per

cent on annual global sales of some

\$4.5 billion, about two thirds of which

are to developing countries. Most of

this money benefits political and military decision-makers in the buy-

Informed opinion estimates such

International (UK)

'defence sales".

Scope for corruption in arms trade

committee of inquiry can perform is to move quicky to develop a vision of higher education neither as a cure for all economic ills nor as "outdoor relief for middle-class children.

It must, of course, address issues of funding and student maintenance in a context of other economic priorities. However, these issues will fall naturally into place if the committee can develop a convincing account of the collaborative role of universities within a competitive economy intent on equipping its people - not necessarily or exclusively through formal study — for a lifetime of learning.

Your leading article refers to prob-lems associated with "large-scale lecturing" and a reduction in seminars and tutorials.

The other side of the coin is the development of imaginative and costeffective approaches to teaching, learning and assessment; increasing use of learning technologies: greater involvement of employers and students in developing flexible and responsive courses; partnerships be-tween universities and business in lifelong learning and updating: and the growth of contract and problemorientated research.

Yours faithfully, RAY COWELL Vice-Chancellor, The Nottingham Trent University, Burton Street. Nottingham NGI 4BU. February 21.

From the Pro Vice-Chancellor of De Montfort University, Leicester

Sir, Isn't there a flaw in The Times's contribution to the higher education debate? To suggest a higher education super league is to run the risk of abrogating intellectual and social responsibility.

The expansion in higher education did not just happen as a matter of governmental whim. It was necessary t meet the demands made in the shift of the country's economic base from manufacturing to service industries.

This demanded a more highly educated workforce. Yet the expansion occurred at a time when the GDP was at the best static. The result was a challenge to the universities for greater efficiency in financial, administrative and academic management.

There was also a necessary requirement for a diversity of mission. amongst the universities, which continues to exist. Within it excellence has to be defined in accordance to stated aims and purpose. Merely to envisage distinctive funding for one important aspect within that diversity is to ignore the fundamental requirement of the sector as a whole.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL SCOTT. Pro Vice-Chancellor. De Montfort University, The Gateway, Leicester, LEI 98H. February 23.

ing countries, although a small proportion is commonly kicked back to

the negotiators of the supplying com-

It will not be easy for exporting

countries to beat swords into plough-

shares, but it is in fact the modern

equivalent of ploughshares that most

developing countries need. Their app-

arent preference for swords is too

often based not on any rational de-cisions about priorities but on the financial benefits to be received by

Multilateral implementation of the

OECD's 1994 recommendation on ill-

icit payments in international busi-

ness transactions, in the negotiation of

which the British Government played

a creditable part, would go far towards reducing this tremendously

GEORGE MOODY-STUART,

Annai, Il Woodfield Lane,

Transparency International (UK).

their leaders.

damaging trade.

Yours faithfully,

Ashtead, Surrey.

Chairman.

February 22.

Sir, From the beginning of March, the retail newsagent giant, W. H. Smith. will drop 300 small publications,

From the Editor of Tribune

for the future

including Tribune, from its news shelves. Instead readers will have to make do with a publication-ordering service. Casual sales will cease as diversity and choice are restricted.

Small papers fear

John Menzies is set to follow that lead by removing small publications from selected stores for a trial period.

The news trade is shocked by the

extent of the "delisting" of so many titles; so are we. Tribune learnt of its fate by chance after the decision had been made. In the long run we, along with the hundreds of other small publications, face being forced out of the news trade altogether.

The decision taken by W. H. Smith is based on what looks like a mistaken belief that it can compete with new outlets such as supermarkets and petrol stations, which offer a very limited selection of titles. I hope the news shelves of the future will not groan under the weight of computer and pornographic magazines, heralding the final triumph of market forces.

That there has been so little outcry can be put down to the fact that W. H. Smith and the distribution companies that supply it have thus far refused to release to us the full list of publications to be affected. However, it seems to me that other left-wing titles may be threatened, unlike for instance The Economist or The Spectator. But then an election is not very far away, is it?

Yours sincerely, MARK SEDDON, Editor, Tribune, 308 Gray's Inn Road, WCl. Pebruary 23.

Lenten message

From the Reverend Charles J. Hall Sir. Your Ash Wednesday leading article, "From Lent to new life", was most refreshing: simple, undenom-inational and pertinent to a world where the God framework seems to be crumbling so rapidly.

Anyway, I quoted from it today at my local borough council where, as mayor's chaplain, I was leading the council in prayer at the start of their meeting, believing that your reput-ation for fairness could cause no possible offence in a borough that has swung from one extreme to the other.

Yours faithfully. CHARLES HALL, The Vicarage. 61 Church Street. Stapleford, Nottingham. February 22.

Arnhem hero

Sir. You refer to the possibility that the Burslem-born Lance-Sergeant, Jack Baskeyfield, will become "one of the few common soldiers to be commemorated by a statue" (News in brief, February 16).

Having been awarded the Victoria Cross, Baskeyfield — a glider-borne member of the South Staffordshires. by the way, not a paratrooper - was hardly a "common" soldier; indeed, he was a remarkably uncommon one. There were no "common" soldiers fighting at Arnhem.

Yours truly, DONALD F. COOPER, Westridge, Elm Lane, Well End, Bourne End, Buckinghamshire. February 16.

Banking problems

From Mr John Dibblee

Sir. Mr Barnaby Usborne, as a red/ green colour-blind person, has obvious difficulty with bottle banks (letter, February 21). If he has help at home to sort the bottles into separate bags, he only has to follow these simple rules to be as accurate as most of us: the green bin is the full one and the brown, the empty.

Yours faithfully, JOHN DIBBLEE, 43 Cross Lane, Cubbington, Learnington Spa. Warwickshire. February 21.

From Mr F. N. Walker

Sir, If Mr Usborne will look at his empty bottles through rose-tinted glasses the clear ones will appear clear, the green ones as black, and the brown as muddy.

Yours faithfully, FRANK WALKER, 56 Theydon Grove, Epping, Essex. February 22.

Albanian myths?

From Mr Peter Cuming

Sir, If your assertion (leading article, February 23) that Albania had only 40 lorries in 1991 is correct, I wish to claim a record for having personally witnessed 10 per cent of that nation's 1991 lorry fleet being involved in accidents in one week. As at the time I was travelling in one of Albania's private cars, which you suggest did not exist. I suppose my claim could be disallowed.

Yours faithfully. PETER CUMING, 34 Savernake Road, NW3. February 23.

Juries and justice From His Honour Peter Mason, OC

Sir. I agree with Judge Peter Smith (letter, February 22) that concealing the truth from a jury about a defen-dant's criminal record is not necessarily fair as English law supposes. The law of most European countries requires no such concealment.

It is also my experience over many years in the criminal courts that a jury is as likely to acquit a defendant after hearing of his criminal convictions as when these are concealed. The rationale seems to be, "the police had it in for this person; we must give him (or Educated jurors now know that if

no mention is made in court of a defendant's good character he has a bad one. Can it be fair to him that they should speculate as to what his previous convictions were, how many there were, and how bad?

PETER MASON, 11 King's Bench Walk, Temple, EC4. February 22

From Mr Graham Chainey

Yours faithfully

Sir. Dr Nick Fox (letter, February 19) complains that jurors can claim only E-15 maximum temuneration per day. When I last did jury service about five years ago I received, as someone not

currently working, no remuneration except a meagre subsistence allowance to cover fares. It seemed unjust that two jurors

could sit next to one another in the jury box, doing the same work, one ing paid the maximum and the other nothing.
Such inequalities exacerbate one's

resentment at the process of compulsory jury service: if you failed to attend you could be fined £100 per day. Disaffected jurors are unlikely to be good jurors.

Yours faithfully, GRAHAM CHAINEY. 35 The Albemarie. Marine Parade, Brighton, Sussex. February 19.

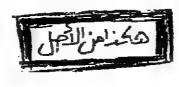
From Mr Giles Curtis-Raleigh Sir, Dr Nick Fox writes that "£45 per

day is only 10-20 per cent of a normal professional fee. Would the lawyers attend for this?" The short answer is yes, we do, al-

most. The standard appearance fee for a barrister in the Crown Court. payable for the majority of legal aid hearings, is £45.75 plus YAT. Dr Fox is certainly right that this is only a fraction of what we deserve.

Yours faithfully, GILES CURTIS-RALEIGH, 4 King's Bench Walk, Temple, EC4. February 19.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 24: The Duke of Edinburgh, Grand President, British Commonwealth Ex-Services League, today arrived in Cape Town to preside over the Seventy Fifth Anniversary Conference. THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

accompanied by the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, this evening attended a Charity Gala at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, Guildford, and was received by Major James More-Molyneux (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey).

Birthdays today

Mr Paul Ackford, rugby player. 38; Lord Bridge of Harwich, 79: Mr Peter Carter-Ruck, solicitor, 82; Mr Johnny Cash, singer, 64; Sir Peter Cazalet, chairman, APV, 67; Mr Frank Copplestone, deputy chair-man, Westcountry Television, 71; Mr David Edgar, playwright. 48: Mr S.J. Etherington, chief exec-utive. National Council for Voluntary Organisations, 41: Sir Donald Farguharson, former Lord Justice of Appeal, 68: Sir James Goldsmith, MEP and company chairman, 63: Dr BJ. Greenhill. author, 76: Mr Christopher Hope, writer, 52: Miss Emma Kirkby, uprano, 47; Mr Alan Lloyd, deputy chairman. Association of District Councils, 60; Professor Norsen Murray, molecular biologist, 61: Sir Michael Perry, chairman, Unilever, 62: Mr Tony Selby, man, Uniever, 62 Mr Tony Selby, actor, 58: Dr Diana, Walford, director, Public Health Laboratory Service, 52: Sir Everton Weekes, cricketer, 71.

Royal engagements

The Princess Royal, as President of the Save the Children Fund, will nttend a Meetings and Incentive Travel Industry Awards gala at Grosvenor House at 7.00. The Duke of Keni will attend ar exhibition marking the 150th anniversary of the Heatherley School of Fine Art at the Mall Gallery at 6.15.

Today's events

The Queen's Life Guard mounts at Horse Guards at 11.00.

Luncheon Northumberland Licutenance

Viscount Ridley, KG, presided at a luncheon for the Deputy Licuten-ants, past and present, of Northumberland, at Blagdon, North-umberland, on February 25, 1996.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Anthony Ashley Cooper 3rd Earl of Shaftesbury, writer London, 1671; Victor Hugo, author. Besançon. France, 1802; William Frederick Cody (Buffalo Bill). showman, Scott County, Jowa 1846; Emile Coue, psychother Troyes. France. 1857; Frank Bridge composer, Brighton, 1879. DEATHS: Thomas d'Urfey, sati rist, London, 1723; Giuseppe Tartini, composer, Padua, 1770; Alexander Geddes, biblical critic, London, 1802; John Philip Kemble actor-manager, Lausanne, 1823; Alois Senefelder, inventor of lithography, Munich, 1834; Fred-erick Tennyson, poet, London, 1898; Sir Harry Lauder, cornedian, Strathaven, 1950; William Ralph Inge. Dean of St Paul's 1911-1934, Wallingford. 1954; Levi Eshkol, Prime Minister of Israel 1963-69. lerusalem, 1969; Karl Jaspers

El and E2 bank notes were issued for the first time, 1797. Napoleon escaped from Elba, 1815. The first Grand National steeplechase was run at Aintree, 1839. The steamer Birkenhead was wrecked off Cape Colony with the loss of 485 lives, 1852.

existentialist philosopher. Basle

Radar (radio detection and rang-ing) was first demonstrated by Robert Watson-Watt at Daventry,

Dinner

Cardiff Business Club

The President of Cardiff Busin Club, Sir Idwal Pugh, the High Sheriff of South Glamorgan, Mr Wynford Evans, the Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor J.R. Phillips, and the Hon Recorder, Judge Michael Gibbon, were present at a dinner held by the Club at the Royal Hotel, Cardiff, last Friday night. The guest speaker was Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls. Mr Graham Hawker, Chairman, SWALEC, presided.

Nature notes

GUILLEMOTS and razorbills are visiting the cliffs on which they will nest, but they are not yet settling down on them. They leave the cliffs in the afternoon and go back to the sea to feed and roost.

These are the birds that are most in danger from the oil slick off the Welsh coast. Puffins are still out at sea: they are beginning to acquire their triangular red, yellow and blue beaks, but they will not come ashore until April. Yellowhammers have started to sing in hedgerow trees, and skylarks are singing steadily over the fields.

City streets are full of the yellow seeds of the plane trees, blown down by the strong winds last week, Red deadnettle is in flower: the hooded blossoms are pink,



The razorbill

and the leaves, which cluster at the top of the stalk, are often suffused with red. Colt's-foot is opening on dry roadsides: the scaly stems and yellow flowers appear first, and the leaves

some weeks later. The first pipistrelle bats are coming out in the evenings. flying round the roots and making high-pitched calls. Foxes are mating: the vixen wails in the night, and the couple leave rank smells be-



The cartoonist Larry with one of his creations that is featured among ten comic stamps issued by the Royal Mail today. Mel Calman. *Tîmes* cartoonist until his death in 1994, is also represented. Larry — real name Terence Parkes — launched the issue at the Cartoon Gallery, London, yesterday. Leading article, page 17

Amateur team uncovers Roman villa

By Norman Hammond, archaeology correspondent

AMATEUR archaeologists working on Sundays over 15 years have uncovered a Roman villa in Northamptonshire that

was used for nearly 300 years.
Digging at Piddington, in the Upper Nene Valley six miles south of Northampton, the group has documented occupa-tion from the late Iron Age down to the 4th century AD. During this period, the villa was established on the site of a native settlement, and then grew from a simple 'cottage villa" with a single range of rooms to an impressive country house with two sets of baths. After its peak of prosperity in the late 3rd century, the Piddington villa was occupied by several families of squatters before being aban-doned around AD 380.

In spite of its rural location, there is evidence of Roman military activity, according to Roy and Liz Friendship Taylor, who direct the excavations. There are several pieces of bronze cavalry fittings, and a lot of imported pottery of types used by the invading army, such as Lyon ware, Hofheim flagons, and lead-glazed vessels from central Gaul," they report in Current Archaeology.

The first stone villa was built in the reign of Trajan (AD 98-117), but two

Sir Robert Charles Evans, of

Berws-y-Coed, Gwynedd, Prin-cipal of the University College of North Wales, Bangor, 1958-84, and

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Professor Ivor Christopher Ban-field Keys, of Selly Park, Birmingham, Peyton and Barrier Professor of Music, Birmingham University, 1968-86, left estate val-ued at £262,647 net.

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the MC in the Battle of Cambrai in November 1917, left estate valued

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erations later a fire destroyed much of the building. When it was rebuilt suites of baths were added, one for the family and one for the estate workers. There were hot and cold rooms, with a cellar which is helieved to have been used for storing the faggots for the furnace. The baths were refloored to solve recurrent drainage problems, and in the last phase benches were built where the occupants could sit

waist-deep in cold water. Water was provided by a timber pipeline, joined by iron collars which have been found. When the villa was abandoned, the smaller suite was being refurbished: The final plastering had been prepared and polished, but never painted," the excavators say. At the same time, the main bath suite had been demolished but planned rebuilding never

The excavators have suggested that the sudden abandonment was connected with the usurpation of Carausius and Allectus. two short-lived "emperors" who briefly established an independent realm in Britain late in the 3rd century. A coin of Allectus was found among the construc-tion materials, and "it is tempting to suggest that the owners-were supporters of Allectus using their new-found wealth

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to rebuild the villa", the report says. The names of two possibly successive owners of the villa are indicated by stamped tiles, bearing abbreviations for Tiberius Clandius Verus and Tiberius Claudius Severus, "clearly a pro-Roman family of long standing, Romano-British families generally adopted the names of the current emperors when they adopted Roman names: Tiberius Claudius was Emperor

at the invasion. Two tiles from bath house read TCV presumably Tiberius Claudius Verus. However, on a tile stamp part of the name Severus had been altered. Originally it just read Verus, and the 'Se' was added presumably at the end of the second century when Septimius Severus became Emperor."

The tiles and other finds from the Piddington villa are to be housed in a new museum, established by the Upper Nene Archaeological Society in the former Wesleyan chapel in Piddington village; the diggers are applying for National Lottery funding for the £27,000 needed for the conversion. The dig is described in an editorial in Current Archaeology as "perhaps the finest example of a purely amateur excavation".

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Sword fragments

One pilice of the blade, dating to around 1000 BC, was found in 1982, the other in 1995, both by metal-detector users who reported and donated their finds. Both discoveries were made on hilltops. The handle of the sword has sail to be located.

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found miles apart

A Bronze Age sword has been found near Stoke-on-Trent in two pieces, two miles apart, and with 13 years between the two discoveries (Norman Hammond writes). The sword had been deliberately broken, and the fragments are thought to have been "an offering to the gods recording to Debble Ford of the Hanley Museum where the finds will be reunited.

Memorial services

Andrew Duchess of Mand A memorial service for Andrea Duchess of Manchester was held on Saturday at St Andrew's,

Kimbolton, Cambridgeshire. The Rev R.A. Frost officiated and the Right Rev Lord Runcie read the lesson and gave an address. Mr Guy Whitehead, son, read a poem by Mr Joss Keni, son, read a poem lest paid tribute. Mr and Mrs James Dennis, son-in-law, and daughter, and other members of the family and friends were

A memorial service for Professor.

Ernest André Geliner, former Professor of Social Anthropolog at Cambridge University, was held on Saturday in King's College Chapel. The Dean officiated, assisted by the Rev John McLuckie,

Dr Madawi al Rasheed read from Weber's Science as a Voca-tion, Dr Declan Quigley read from and Dr Helen Watson read an own work. Legitimation of Belief. Professor Ronald Dore and Professor John Davis, Warden of All Souls College, Oxford, gave addresses. Members of the family,

Memorial meeting

Dr James Clyde Mitchell A memorial meeting for Dr James Clyde Mitchell, Emeritus Fellow o Nuffield College, Oxford, was held on Saturday in College Hall. Mr. Anthony Afkirson, Warden, pre-sided. Professor. Norman Long. Professor Peter Worsley, Professor Professor Peter Worsley, Profe Cert Peach, Dr. Steve Vertovec and Professor A.H. Halsey also spoke. During the meeting Mr An-thony Heath, piano, played Cho-

Noctume Opus 9 number 1 and with Mr. David Shires, trumpet, played music by Gershwin Recorded African music

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A memorial service for the late Professor George Dunnet, CBE, BSc. PhD. DSc. PRSE, FIBIO. Professor of Zoology from 1971 to 1974 and Regals Professor of Zoology from 1971 to 1974 and Regals Professor of Natural History from 1974 to 1992. University of Aberdeen, who dight on September 11, 1995, will be held in King's College Chapel. Old Aberdeen at noon on Thursday, March 7, 1996. All friends and the colleagues are invited to attend ues are invited to attend and should be seated in the Chapel by 11.50am

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THE DEPARTMENT

Niail MacDermot, CBE, QC, former Labour MP, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, 1964-67, and Secretary-General. International Commission of Jurists, 1970-90, died in Geneva on February 22 aged 79. He was born in Dublin on September 10, 1916.

NIALI. MacDERMOT'S active career in British politics lasted only just over a decade. But, for both overt and covert reasons, it was a good deal more intriguing than most. He was a rising barrister with a distinguished wartime record behind him when he was first elected to the House of Commons in 1957.

At the beginning of the war he had been commissioned into the Intelligence Corps and rose rapidly to the rank of lieutenant-colonel at the age of 26. General Montgomery appointed him GSOI at HQ 21 Army Group in preparation for the Normandy landings. As the war came to an end, it was his responsibility to track down top Nazis. His incisive interrogation of Goebbels foreshadowed his future legal career.

legal career.

He was called to the Bar by the Inner Temple and was pupil to the then Treasury devil, Hubert Parker. He became a tenant in the burgeoning Common Law chambers of Ronald Armstrong-Jones. He joined the Milland circuit and quickly acquired a large London and circuit practice.

He was a most gifted and accomlished advocate. He had a commanding presence, handsome looks, a supple voice and a patrician but courteous manner. He was a first-class lawyer with a quick, objective and analytical mind. This made him an excellent pupil-master. He taught by example the value of preparation, the skill of argument and the art of how to carry, and not confront, the court. He took silk in 1963.

By then he was already a Member of Parliament, for the second time round. Originally elected for Lewisham North in February 1957, he lost the seat to Christopher Chataway at the general election of October 1959. But he was plainly regarded as something of a catch—he had joined the Labour Party only in 1956—and in 1962 he won another by-election at Derby North. He was from the Fabian, moderate tradition and would have approved of new Labour. He made a rapid mark in debate, especially after his second by-election victory.

No one was surprised when, at James Callaghan's instigation, Harold Wilson included him in his first 1964 Government as Financial Secretary to the Treasury. This is normally seen as a jumping-off post for high-flyers.

Yet when promotion finally came for MacDermot nearly three years later, it

NIALL MacDERMOT



was only in a sideways move to be a Minister of State at the Department of Housing and Local Government. Just 12 months later he resigned from the Government — citing "personal reasons" — and in the 1970 general election did not stand again. For the last 25 years of his life it was almost as if his career in British politics had never been.

There was, in fact, an explanation both for his relatively late entry into British political life and for his somewhat abrupt departure from it. The son of an Irish KC practising in the Dublin courts, Niall MacDermot was sent to school at Rugby and then, unusually, attended first Cambridge University, where he read modern languages, and then Oxford, where he studied law.

It was while up at Balliol that the first misfortune of his career overtook him. In the course of a quarrel with a fellow-undergraduate he pushed him causing him to fall. As ill-luck would have it, the student concerned suffered from a heart condition and instantly died. The young MacDermot had to

endure the full formality of a manslaughter trial, at the end of which he was acquitted without the jury even retiring. It still seems likely, however, that the whole experience left a scar which deterred him from seeking a public career, at least until the memory of it had grown less raw. The second factor — accounting for

his peremptory departure from politics — again had its origins in something that occurred well before he entered Parliament. In 1954 MacDermot, who had been married for 14 years, met and fell in love with a half-Russian, half-Italian language student who was to become a translator at the United Nations in Geneva. They maintained an intermittent relationship for ten years before, with the son of his marriage then grown up, MacDermot asked his doctor-wife for a divorce. This she agreed to, and in August 1966 in Geneva he married Ludmila Benvenuto — though not without giving Harold Wilson as Prime Minister advance warning of his intentions.

Wilson pretended not to be bothered

but never mind, it'll be a nine-day wonder" — but evidence has since surfaced that he took MacDermot's statement of intent a good deal more seriously than that. Certainly, before the marriage even took place, he was telling his confidant Dick Crossman that their colleague's ministerial life was over and that he would be leaving the Commons within 12 months. (Presumably fear of a by-election, as Labour grew progressively more unpopular, prevented this from happening.)

Eventually it was MIS that forced the series. Towards the end of 1967 they

- telling MacDermot "There'll be talk.

Eventually it was MI5 that forced the issue. Towards the end of 1967 they intimated that they wished to talk to MacDermot's second wife and, having grilled her in the Defence Ministry for an entire week in February 1968, let No 10 know that they were not wholly satisfied with all her answers. Always a pushover for "spooks", Wilson's response was, rather tactlessly, to inquire of MacDermot as to whether he had ever told his wife "any confidential information".

MacDermot found this woundingly insulting and he resolved there and then that he had no future in politics. Within a matter of months he had resigned his job at the Ministry of Housing and announced his intention of leaving the Commons at the next

At first he returned more or less fulltime to the Bar. His last major brief was on behalf of the Wing Airport Resistance Association before the Roskill Commission Inquiry into the Third London Airport. If he had stayed at the Bar, appointment to the High Court Bench would have been assured. As it was, he preferred to go and live abroad. In 1970 his appointment was

abroad. In 1970 his appointment was announced as Secretary-General to the International Commission of Jurists based in Geneva, a post he filled with distinction for the next 20 years. He combined his deep commitment to the rule of law and human rights with his skill as a lawyer and a politician. In 1980 the Council of Europe awarded the Commission the first-ever Prize in Human Rights; this was followed by the Waterler Prize and; in 1989, by the Erasmus Prize. MacDermot was jointly responsible with Jean-Jacques Gauter for establishing the Association for

the Prevention of Torture.

But he did not entirely cut his links with Britain. He took delight in his trusteeship of the Tate Galley, which he served until 1976, and was very touched in 1991 when he was advanced from OBE — to which he had been appointed in the military division for his wartime role — to CBE for his services to international justice.

He is survived by his second wife, Ludmila, and by the son of his first marriage.

MIKE WOOLLER

Mike Wooller, television producer, died on February 20 aged 69. He was born on January 17, 1927.

IN THE golden early years of British broadcasting, Michael Wooller played an influential role as director of studio-based television current affairs programmes, and as a producer of documentaries. He made good programmes himself, and created space for others to do so.

Born in Lancashire, Michael Herford Wooller excelled at sports at school, promising at one point to emulate the achievements of his uncle, Will Wooller, at rugby. He worked as a radio studio manager for the BBC, and in Forces Broadcasting serving in Palestine. In 1953 he returned to the BBC as a cameraman. when he met his wife Joyce, a transmission controller. Together in 1956, they went to work for Granada, then preparing to begin broadcasting (with a tribute to the BBC) in Manchester.

Wooller soon became a director, calling the shots in the studio galley when virtually all television was live, particularly at Granada, where Sidnev Bernstein was determined to postpone the introduction of film and, when it arrived, videotape, as long as he could. Directing live television called for a grasp of angles, of visual possibilities, a sense of timing, a quick eye, a cool head, and a calm, commanding manner. Wooller had all that and more. Under his direction, even so simple a programme as What the Papers Say could be transformed into a minor masterpiece, with up to 120 cuts in only 12 minutes.

Wooller would have made a brilliant interior designer. For Searchlight, produced by Tim Hewat, a programme that made a statement, he devised a new, almost tabloid, visual style that influenced much that came after it. Instead of a crowded, lit studio in which every image had equal weight, Wooller kept the background dark and used light to concen-

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trate the viewer's eye either on the presenter or on a blow-up beside him. This was the TV equivalent of the picture across five newspaper columns, or the headline in bold black type on the front page.

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These programmes, apolitical but always crusading. shook viewers, as they were intended to do. The deputy director-general of the Independent Broadcasting Authority told the Searchlight. production team that every single programme in the first series had infringed the Broadcasting Act, with the possible exception of a programme on cruelty to children. "And even then," he added, "I am not sure you should not have said somewhere that cruelty to children is a good thing." (The Broad-casting Act has since been amended.)

Wooller made the transition from directing texts to producing, and instantly found a new metier. Here, his judgment and basic integrity made themselves felt, and provided rock-solid support for others. With Michael Darlow, he made the Granada prizewinning triptych Cities at War.

He was invited back, at that time a high compliment, to the BBC. Working for the Music and Arts Department, he took charge of Ail in a Day and Omnibus. No one did this last better.

Under him fine documenta- Joyce rists — Geoffrey Baines, Leslie 1953.

Megahey, Colin Nears and Tristram Powell — did some of their best work. Although their boss, he never tried to make their films for them but was always supportive; he criticised when a response could still prove fruitful. He gave them freedom to explore; they did the rest.

BBC Television could have enlarged his responsibilities, but did not. Wooller went to the Thames documentary department. Here he acted as executive producer of Hollywood, a 13-part series by Kevin Brownlow and David Gill on the early years of American cinema. Typically, when it was urgently necessary to spend money on interviewing octogenarian pioneers with one foot in the grave, before the studios had agreed to make rights available in even a foot of film, he took the bold decision to press ahead. In the end he got the rights, the series triumphed, and his leadership was vindicated.

Wooller became managing director of Goldcrest Television, an independent producer. For them he oversaw the making of a glossily successful mini-series The Far Pavilions and other television series. But Goldcrest, overambitious, went in for major feature films - a policy which some four years on was virtually to sink the company. Finally for Granada Film Productions, Wooller supervised the making, in three years, of four feature films, including David Hare's Strapless and the ambitious documentary series Man and

Music.

Wooller's innate fairness and friendliness made him the most acceptable of colleagues. His qualities commended him across the industry. He served on the Council of the British Academy of Film and Television Arts (Bafta) and was Chairman from 1979 to 1981. He loved music, gardening and cooking, at which he excelled. He was a generous friend.

He is survived by his wife loyce, whom he married in 1952

HENRY LEWIS

rienry Lewis, conductor and music director of the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra. 1968-76, died of a heart attack in New York on January 26 aged 63. He was born in Los Angeles on October 16, 1932.

CHARISMATIC and with a conductor's natural flair for command, Henry Lewis was one of the first black Americans to break down racial barriers in the world of classical music. He was the first black to conduct a world-class orchestra, the first to become music director of a major orchestra, and the first to conduct the Metropolitan Opera in New York.

Shaping the scores with a

confident dramatic hand, Lewis led with a persuasive passion. In the course of a 47-year career, almost every major American orchestra—including the Chicago Symphony, the San Francisco Symphony and the New York Philharmonic—performed under his baton. He also made regular guest appearances in Britain with among others, the London Symphony, the BBC Scottish Symphony and the Royal Philharmonic archestras.

Though he showed great technical command. Lewis was particularly known—and sometimes criticised—for his at times casual attitude on the podium. He would talk to the audience, inviting them to applaud if they wished at the end of some dramatic move-



ment. I'm not a believer in the old-fashioned attitude of a conductor and orchestra playing for themselves and letting the audience listen as a kind of favour," he once said.

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His concern was to make classical music accessible to as wide a range of people as possible. As conductor and director of the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra he outfaced the censure of fellow Afro-Americans who accused

him of trying to purvey "white" music to black people, and travelled with his company to ghetios, town halls and parks, playing to audiences who were often com-

pletely unfamiliar with a

classical repertoire.

Lewis's musical talents had surfaced at an early age. His mother, a nurse, first sat him down at the piano at the age of five and though his father, a car dealer, hoped that his son

would follow a "respectable profession", the young Henry showed more artistic aspirations and at junior high school leapt at the opportunity to learn the double bass.

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By the age of 16 he was a virtuoso and was invited to join the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra — as not only the youngest player, but also the first black ever to join. "I had to accept that I had to be better than the next guy and take a few risks. But I realised that I would benefit from it and did not resent it," Lewis later said.

In 1954 he was drafted into

the US Army - though even here he maintained his interest in music, conducting the Seventh Army Symphony Orchestra in Stuttgart. On discharge he immediately returned to the Los Angeles Philharmonic with which in 1960 he made his conducting debut. A year later he made his operatic conducting debut with the San Francisco Opera's production of La Bohème. He also founded the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra and further strengthened an already weighty reputation as a guest conductor working with orchestras all over America.

At the age of 36 Lewis made national headlines when he beat stiff competition to become the conductor and music director of the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra. His was a colourful, indeed tempestuous, tenure. He recruited the highest calibre professionals, building the orchestra up

into a first-class company with an impressively expansive repertoire. However Lewis, in his search for perfection, could be tyrannical and intimidating. During a three-week-strike a negotiating committee for the orchestra actually sought a contract clause stipulating that he should refrain from frowning during rehearsals and concerts. This clause was never drawn up though, for Lewis resigned.

Despite worsening lung cancer he continued to work for many years as a guest conductor for major orchestras in America and Europe. He conducted New York's Metropolitan Opera on its 1975 tour of Japan. He served in his latter years as music director of the Opera-Music Theatre Institute of New Jersey and of The Netherlands Radio Orchestra and in 1991 he was the music director for the London production of Carmen Jones at the Old Vic. He was also in great demand as a vocal coach.

On the night of his death the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra dedicated its concert to Lewis. The first piece of the evening, the prelude from Wagner's Parsifal, had last been performed by the orchestra under Lewis's baton

Lewis married, in 1960, the mezzo-soprano Marilyn Horne, with whom he often appeared. Though the marriage ended in divorce in 1979, they remained close friends and continued to perform together. He is survived by their daughter.

PROFESSOR BRIAN HOGAN

Brian Hogan, Professor of Common Law, University of Leeds, 1967-94, died of pneumonia on February 9 aged 63. He was born on May 4, 1932.

IN R v Shivpuri the House of Lords had to deal with the effect of the Criminal Attempts Act 1981 on one of those eternal conundrums of the law, "at-Lord Hailsham, the Lord Chancellor, confessed to some disquiet about embarking upon an examination of an area that had produced a "joust of almost unexampled ferocity between two of the most distinguished professors of criminal law in the kingdom". One of the jousters in this tournament was Glanville

most distinguished professors of criminal law in the kingdom. One of the jousters in this tournament was Glanville Williams, the other was Brian Hogan. Opinions may differ about criminal attempts but few would deny the correctness of Lord Hailsham's assessment of the status of the protagonists.

Brian Hogan was born the son a police officer in the North East. He claimed that at

son a police officer in the North East. He claimed that at school he had shown ability only in geometry but had managed to acquire his School Certificate in Latin which in those days provided the passport to university entry. Graduating with first-class honours in law from Manchester in 1956 (after completing his National Service) he took up a post as a temporary assistant lecturer at the University of Nottingham.

At that time it was possible to study for the Bar in one's own time and Hogan entered Gray's Inn and was called in 1959. While still a lecturer at Nottingham he was appointed to the Chair of Common Law at Leeds in 1967. There he



remained until he retired in 1994. He was head of the department of law three times and from 1974 to 1976 was chairman of the Board of Arts, Economic and Social Studies and Law. As the (sole) Pro-Vice-Chancellor from 1981 to 1983, his tenure coincided with the death of Lord Boyle and the first serious tide of financial cuts.

Crisis management and planning had then not yet become a way of life in tertiary education and Hogan found himself confronted for the first time with the harsh fact that budgets would have to be cut and staff shed if the university was going to remain affoat. With the help of the acting Vice-Chancellor, William Walsh, Hogan succeeded in doing both, quickly but humanely.

humanely.
From 1966 to 1972, Hogan was editor of the leading specialist journal the Criminal Law Review. Together with John (now Sir John) Smith he worked on the book Criminal Law, which went into seven editions and is probably

unique in the English and Commonwealth jurisdictions in that it has remained the leading academic tembook and at the same time has exercised a considerable influence on the decisions of the courts. He also co-authored, again with John Smith, five editions of Cases and Materials on Criminal Law.

But Hogan's range was law. Although he was uncompromising in what he demanded (he belonged to a generation which did not see this as problematical in a university), he was an excellent teacher able to represent ideas in a manner that could be grasped by the weaker pupils while at the same time offering something that would stretch the top 20 per cent of the class. Towards the end of his career he participated, albeit with some reluctance, in the national assessment of teaching quality, a process which he found to be seriously flawed in both design and

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Although Hogan liked to cultivate an image somewhere to the right of Genghis Khan, he was in fact a liberal (with a small "I") and would-take great pains to further causes in which he believed. However, though he became heavily involved in administrative matters at Leeds, he was never likely to be attracted to administration as a career. He was too forthright to be all things to all men and his boredom threshold was too low for the grinding tedium of much of the paper generated by the academic system in recent

 Brian Hogan is survived by his wife Pauline, and their son and daughter.

Church appointments

The Rev John Hilton, Vicar, Orford St Andrew (Liverpool): to be Vicar, Leeds St Wilfrid, Harchills (Ripon). The Rev Donald Jones, Team

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The Rev Ivor Morris, Priestin-charge. The Ascension, Chelmsford: to be Vicar of that benefice (Chelmsford). The Rev Clive Porthouse, Vicar, St Peter w Christ Church and St Matthew, Southborough (Rochester): to be

also an Honorary Canon of Rochester Cathedral. The Rev Chris Rankine. Assistant Curate, St Andrew and Church of the Resurrection, Farlington: to be Assistant Curate, St Mary, Alverstoke

(Portsmouth).
The Rev Canon Martin Shaw,
Canon Residentiary of St
Edmundshury Cathedral and
Bishop's Adviser in Spiritual-

iry (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich): to be Canon Precentor of St Edmundsbury Cathedral and continue as Bishop's Adviser in Spirituality, same diocese.

The Rev Raymond Taylor, Vicar, St Paul, New Southgate: to be also Area Dean of Central Barnet (London). The Rev David Tonkinson, Chaplain. Bracknell College (Oxford): to be Diocesan Adviser in Social Responsibility (Portsmouth) and Honorary

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The Rev Anthony Tucker.
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of St Mary Magdalene, Sutton-in-Ashfield: to be Priest-incharge. Norwell w Ossington.
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The Venerable Tony Turner.
Archdeacon of the Isle of
Wight (Portsmouth): to retire
April 30.

The Rev Roy George, Rector, St Mary the Virgin, Rowner (Portsmouth): to retire February 28. The Rev Canon Derek Goodman. Diocesan Director of

Education (Leicester): to retire

August 31.
The Rev Leslie Morris, Assistant Curate (NSM), St Thomas a Becket, Warblington w St James, Emsworth (Portsmouth): to retire April 8.
The Rev Bob Rudd, Chaplain, St Mary's Hospital, Newport, Isle of Wight (Portsmouth): retired January 13.

KING LEOPOLD'S ACCESSION ENTHUSIASTIC CROWDS

> From Our Correspondent BRUSSELS, Feb. 25

A solemn Te Deum was sung yesterday at the Church of Ste. Gudule on the occasion of the accession of King Leopold III.

A few minutes before II a.m. a fanfare of trumpets rang out in front of the Royal Palace in Brussels, and the King and Queen emerged. The procession consisted of a military escort and black and gold carriages, each drawn by four horses.

The Rue Royale was again filled with

enthusiastic crowds, as the procession passedalong it in bright sunshine to the church. As the King and Queen entered, bugles were sounded and the troops presented arms. Cardinal van Roey, the Archbishop of Malines, who received the King and Queen, greeted them in his address in the name of the episopate and the millions of the faithful. After referring to the great reign of Albert I, he prayed for the Blessing of the Almighty on the king and Queen, the Royal Family, and the nation. The King, in his speech of thanks,

The great Cardinal Mercier (the late Archbishop of Malines) for whom my father

ON THIS DAY

February 26, 1934

Leopold III, King of the Belgians, died in 1963. His actions as Commander-in-Chief of the Belgian Army during the German invasion of his country in 1940 aroused hostility to his rule, which led to his abdication after the Second World War.

had a great attachment, said from the polipis of this church. The religion of Christ makes patriotism a law. There can be no perfect Christian who is not a perfect patriot. That muth gives a special value to the words which Your Eminence has just pronounced. The cruel trials through which we are possing find consolation in the thought of what is beyond."

The King and Queen took their places on the throne and the Te Deuni was song by the 275 singers from Malines.

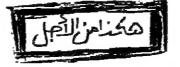
The Journal Officiel published this morning pardons for prisoners serving sentences not exceeding 120 days.

There is a regular pilgrimage to Marche les Dames, where King. Albert died. Military semplanes have flown over the mountain and dropped flowers upon it, and the painter M. Vital Keuller is now making a tableau for the Army Museum representing the fatal nock. This rock is part of the estate under sequestration of the Armberg family. The case is at present pending before the Court of Appeal as Princess Pauline d'Arenberg claimed to be of Belgian nationality. The State wishes to acquire the rock.

RABBITS NOT WANTED AT TRISTAN DA CUNHA From Our Own Correspondent

CAPETOWN, Feb. 25
The Royal Mail liner Atlantis arrived here
yesterday, having called on her way from
South America at Tristan da Cunha.
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wide, who is to be chaptain to the island for the next three years, find with tirm tour rabbits, thinking they might breed on the islanders a constant supply of fresh meat. The headman, however, politely refused to have rabbits. Tristan da Conha is already overrun with rats and cass, and the islanders are alread to adding a third pest.





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an early spring Fine Art and Antiques Fair, in addition to those in summer and winter. What is particularly refreshing about the February show, which starts tomorrow, is the absence of a dateline: this means that rare antiquities are on offer alongside fine modern and even contemporary pieces.

One hundred and fifty dealers are showing at Olympia, not only from Britain but Switzerland, America, Hol-land, Australia, France, Spain and Hong Kong. This internationalism guarantees a rich mix of wonderful things, while the buyer can relax in the knowledge that every item has been vetted for authenticity, quality and fair valuations (£50 to more than £250,000).

Furniture is particularly well represented this season. Halliday's is furnishing its stand to resemble an English drawing room, with fine Regency pieces set around the centrepiece French marble mantelpiece in the style of Louis XVI, and lavishly decorated with ornate ormolu (c. 1840, £20,000). Patrick Sandberg has a marvellous

to Gillows of Lancaster (c. 1820, around £8,000). Also by Gillows is an earlier Sheraton period secretaire bookcase in satinwood with rosewood banding (c. 1790; around £25,000 from Beau Nash House Antiques). A rare and important 18th-

century looking glass - probably by William Kent - is offered by Christopher Hodsoll, the giltwood frame finely carved with swags and acanthus (Irish. c. 1730 and £95,000). Hodsoll also has a large selection of 17th, 18th and 19th-century (£10,000-£14,000). busts

in order to demonstrate the range of desirables on offer we can step back about 1,500 years to discover a highly unusual Roman military altar embeilished with gods and symbols. This 3rd-century AD piece is £7,500 from Spanish dealer Felix e Hijo. Or forward - to the beginning of this century: Fay Lucas has a lidded and turquoise studded silver tankard by renowned Art Nouveau designer

the same period is a carved Lalique hair comb decorated with rose and brilliant cut diamonds (£30,000 from Aviva Chaya). The same dealer is also offering a 1930s Cartier bracelet, with no fewer. than 260 diamonds, 17 emer-

alds, 15 sapphires and 13-rubies (£250,000). A selection of little-known leather Hermés desk furniture



Silver tankard by Archibald Knox: £7,900, from Fay Lucas

and a waste-paper basket (2.400). Modern ceramics of the (£2,400).

1960s and 1970s by such masters as Lucie Rie (between £3,000 and £6,000 for a vase or bowl) are available from Gallerie Besson, which also offers contemporary works, some as recent as 1995. Modern Chinese ceramics

by Peter Wain are on display in what is billed as London's first ever selling exhibition of the work of contemporary masters. Fifty teapors will be shown — each handmade over a period of 60 hours - at prices from £800 to £4,500.

Clocks and barometers are the territory of first-time exhibitor W.F. Turk. A really good range will be displayed with prices beginning at £3,000 and rising to about £30,000 for an exceptional early 18th-century burr walnut.

longcase clock.

Boxes and tea-caddies are always popular and a will be on offer from 1780 which costs about E10.000.

What else is available? Well. as usual, just about every: thing: There is fine 17thcentury oak furniture (from Hall Hopwell and Peter Bunting), and pictures and drawings spanning all periods from early 17th-century old masters (Dutch dealer Worfbain Fine Art) to modern greats such as Ivon Hitchen (The Paisnel Gallery).

Iso to be found are icons, art deco, glass, jewellery, textiles, treen and sculpture together with that most attractive category: unclassifiable; The star here must be either a carpenter's model of a double revolution spiral staircase in walnut, fruitwood and mahog any (France, c. 1900), or else an 18th-century life-sized papers maché horse ridden by a painted mannequin of 1820. Charles de Longlade is shalle ing these - and his reluctance to put a price on them might or might not bearay a corres

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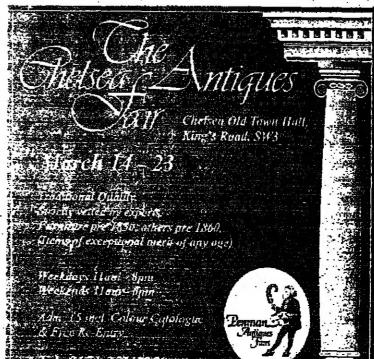
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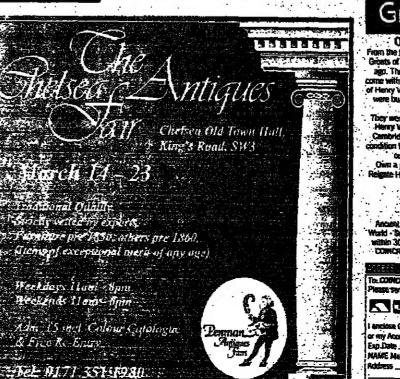
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This has taken many forms over the years, and every has always surprised by showing either recent discoveries or else rarities seldom seen. This February, however, the fair has surpassed itself, with a major exhibition of two great artists: Henry Moore and Francis Bacon. Here we have not only 50 works drawn from largely private and littleknown collections, but also the emergence of the earliest Bacon self-portrait in existence, painted in 1930 and long since presumed destroyed. (Bacon spent a good deal of time during his later and wildly successful years tracking down and burning his early

Not only was the portrait unknown to Bacon scholars, but so too was any literature relating to the only time the picture was exhibited in 1930, Bacon was 21. The



Lullaby: Sleeping Head. Lithograph by Henry Moore

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ing to be brought back to England, he says. The paint-ing hadn't been photo-

graphed. We had no idea what

When eventually the por-

trait arrived - a modestly

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Stewart was.

raptured."It was spellbinding

at first sight," he says. "Full of

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catalogue (designed by Bacon himself), too, has now been unearthed, and will be on show at Olympia. The portrait was out of the country until a few months ago when, by way of word of mouth, it was offered on loan by "a friend of Bacon" to Angus Stewart, curator of the Olympia exhibition. "It was a tense six weeks while we waited for the paintstrong and accomplished work for so young (and im-trained) a painter. Although the influence of cubism is evident, uniquely Baconian distortions are struggling to break free. There are seven other Bacons on view, rangin from a gouache, pastel and pen and ink on paper from 1933 entitled Composition (Figures), to an oil on canvas of 1989 - Study of Portrait of John Edwards. The 1950s, 60s

like it. Bacon dissected and

remade his face in a style that

is unbelievable and at the

same time totally convincing."

It certainly is a remarkably

Hanging alongside Bacon's work will be portraits of the great man by other hands: two by Michael Leventis, one by Barry Joule and a drawing by Jean Shepeard who, along with Roy de Maistre, was a fellow contributor to the 1930 exhibition. There also is a 1933 oil by de Maistre depicting

and 70s are also represented

by various oils.

Bacon's studio. Although the "new" Bacon will undoubtedly steal the show, the lion's share of the exhibits belongs to Henry sculptures, ranging from the before his death in 1986. The major and most arresting bronze is Falling Warrior (1956/57), on loan from the Huddersheld Art Gallery, though there are many extraordinarily fine small maquettes - family groups, animals, heads, torsos and mother and child studies drawn largely from private collections.

Backing up the sculptures is a wide range of works on paper: chalk-drawn nudes. pencil drawings, and exam-ples of his wartime figures in air-raid shelters, executed in pen and ink with a chalk wash. Particularly sensitive and memorable is a lithograph from 1974 Jone of an edition of 25 emitted Lullaby: Sleeping Head.

Given the rarity and quality of the works on show, this exhibition at Olympia is set to be the hottest ticket in town.

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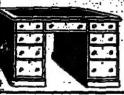
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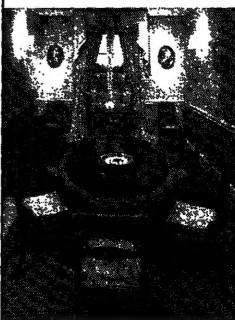


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With the Government's fate in the hands of Northern Ireland's Unionist politicians in tonight's Commons vote, ministers are planning proposals intended to show that they take seriously Sir Richard Scott's criticism

Suicide bombers kill 25 in Israel

Islamic extremist suicide bombers launched two attacks on Israel, killing 25 people and wounding 77 in the country's bloodiest day for 20 years. The first, in Jerusalem, ripped a packed commuter bus apart. The second devastated a bus stop ... Pages 1, 9 used by soldiers in Ashkelon.

Labour's harder line

Labour is to drop its 15-year opposition to the Prevention of Terrorism Act in a move to kill any suggestion that it would be softer on the IRA.. Page 1

IRA hit-list

A hit-list of RAF stations was found in the hideout of the Aldwych bus bomber, police sources said as Scotland Yard warned that the IRA could strike without warning... ..Page 2

Death pact

The three young Britons who killed themselves in a suicide pact in America habitually wore black in an apparent homage to their dead hero, a pop singer....Page 3

Austen's music A treasure move of musical scores by Jane Austen's favourite composers and songwriters, many painstakingly written in her own hand, has been found at the author's family home.....Page 3

Albany rent rise

The historic character of Albany, the Piccadilly block of flats that has traditionally been a haven for men of letters, is threatened by 40 per cent rent rises that could force some residents to move _ Page 4

Cancer precaution

Two women at high risk of developing breast cancer decided to have their healthy breasts removed before there was any signPage 5

Farmer looks left

Sir Simon Gourlay, a past president of the National Farmers Union has stunned the farming community by announcing that he will be voting Labour at the next general election...... Page 6

Mother meets killer

A woman has shaken hands with her daughter's murderer in jail after campaigning for years to be allowed to meet him Page 7

Mormons catching up The Mormon Church in Britain is beginning to catch up with the mainstream Christian Churches

Germany falls behind Germany will fail to meet the entry criteria for European monetary union next year, according to calculations circulating in the finance committee of the German parliamentPage 10

Aircraft inquiry

in membership......

Washington was trying determine if two Cessnas flown by four anti-Castro exiles had deliberately ventured into Cuba's air space before they were shot down by two Cuban MiGsPage 11

Buchanan campaign

During a drive to win Arizona's primary tomorrow on a message of protectionism. Pat Buchanan has rarely missed a chance to name as the root of all evil the shipment of cocaine and illegal aliens to America Page 11

Atherion caught out, embarrassed

It is safe to assume that Michael Atherton had not heard of the Pakistan Federal Union of Journalists. But after one of their number asked him a series of long-winded questions following England's cricket World Cup defeat in Rawalpindi the England captain may soon be apologising. He had been heard to mutter: "Somebody remove this buffoon".......Page 1



Thousands of Dubliners demonstrating in O'Connell Street for a new ceasefire. There were similar events in Cork and Belfast. Page 2

Price Waterhouse, the City accountants, has secretly launched a High Court action against the Abu Dhabí authorities. This enjoins them in a \$3 billion claim the firm is fighting in connection with the collapse of BCCI Page 44

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to a Coca-Cola Cup win over Birmingham City Manchester United beat Bolton Wanderers 6-0

to maintain their Premiership

challenge Pages 23, 26, 27, 29

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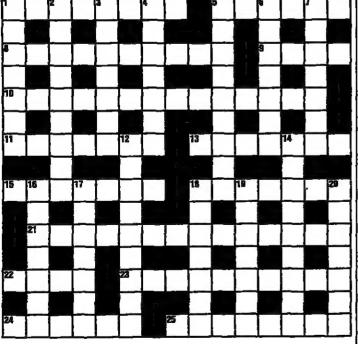
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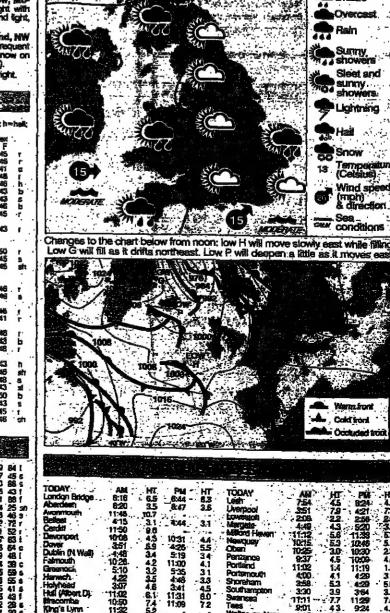
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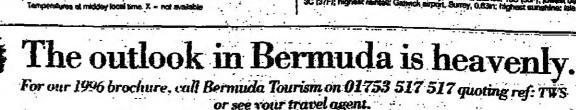
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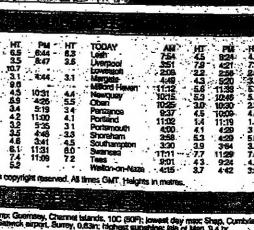
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